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# A tall order

## Ranger School graduates include 7-foot former NBA player and 1st female airman to earn tab

By Chad Garland
*Stars and Stripes*

A 7-foot-tall former NBA player graduated from Ranger School last week alongside the first woman in the Air Force to complete the grueling Army small unit tactics and leadership course.

First Lt. Chelsey Hibsch, an Air Force security forces officer, graduated from the two-month course Friday in a ceremony at Fort Benning, Ga., overlooking Victory Pond. Second Lt. Marshall Plumlee, a member of Duke University's 2015 NCAA Championship basketball team and former New York Knicks player, was "baptized" later in that pond after having a Ranger tab pinned on.

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**Second Lt. Marshall Plumlee stands in formation in this screengrab from a video.**
U.S. Army

# The Navy's newest recruiting strategy: YouTube influencers

By Brock Vergakis
*The (Norfolk, Va.) Virginian-Pilot*

William Osman appears thrilled that he's about to perform an egg-drop experiment.

The challenge is the same one that generations of students have done before: Engineer a way to stop an egg that's dropped from a high elevation from obliterating on impact.

But Osman is no student. And the location of this egg drop is anything but typical.

Osman is an engineer and professional YouTube influencer who was invited aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt to compete in an egg-drop competition against a pair of sailors while cameras — lots of cameras — captured every moment on the aircraft carrier.

The entertaining videos that resulted were never intended to appear on television but were targeted at Osman's 1.3 million YouTube subscribers. He's one of a trio of YouTube influencers the Navy chose for a series of "sailor vs." videos that showcase various jobs in the Navy to millions of subscribers focused on niche topics. Each video ends with a link to a Navy recruiting website that features other videos in the series.

The use of paid influencers is a first by the Navy. It underscores the service's strategic shift away from traditional media as it works to find a new generation of recruits for jobs like cryptologic technicians, nuclear machinist mates and explosive ordnance disposal technicians. The jobs are plentiful in Virginia's Hampton Roads area and are among the most difficult to fill because the standards for them are among the highest in the Navy, prodding the service to try new tactics to reach a new generation of recruits.

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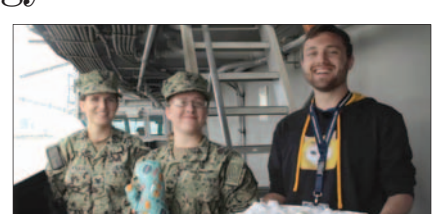

YouTube

**From left, U.S. Navy cryptologic technicians Kayren Vicknair and Brittnie Raybon and YouTube influencer William Osman compete in an egg-drop competition aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt.**

MILITARY

# US must compete for contractors for work in Japan

By Seth Robson
*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Military planners are looking for ways to encourage contractors to bid on billions of dollars of projects aimed at transforming U.S. bases in Japan, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers deputy commander Maj. Gen. Anthony Funkhouser.

Engineers from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, as well as Japanese government officials, met Funkhouser for a brainstorming session Friday at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo.

"Japan is one of our largest construction programs," he said ahead of the meeting.

The Japanese government will spend more than $20 billion and the U.S. another $2.5 billion on projects supporting the U.S. military in the country over the next decade, said Col. Thomas Verell, commander of the Army Corps of Engineers' Japan Engineer District.

To get the work done the military needs to compete for the services of contractors. Japan's construction industry has gone into overdrive as the country prepares for an influx of visitors for this year's Rugby World Cup and next year's Summer Olympics, Funkhouser said.

"The market is flush and there are a finite number of contractors available," he said.

Adding to the squeeze, Japan's population is aging, putting pressure on employers.

"In Japan the number of people in specialty trades is aging," Funkhouser said. "The age of their construction folks is probably above average. I think there is a concern that they need more folks getting experience in construction trades."

Robots won't replace human contractors anytime soon, so the engineers are looking at ways to help companies get local national workers onto U.S. bases, Funkhouser said.

"If you are a contractor with 200 guys, how much time and money does it take to get everybody vetted to come onto a base?" he asked. "In Okinawa, trucks back up trying to get onto bases and that costs time and money."

Engineers have recommended meeting base provost marshals and commanders to come up with solutions that might include fencing off construction areas near base perimeters to make it easier for contractors to get to work, Funkhouser said.

Different U.S. and Japanese standards also increase costs for contractors who sometimes must redo work because it doesn't meet American specifications, he said.

"We will go back to (Washington) D.C. and look at how we can provide cost savings for the contractors and maybe make it a little easier for them," he said.

Contractors are key to base realignment on the island of Okinawa, where U.S. forces are supposed to vacate Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Ginowan. Virtually every base on the island is expanding to accommodate some of the forces leaving the air station, he said.

"It is a complex movement … almost like a Tetris game," Funkhouser said.

On mainland Japan, there are renovations, new schools and new medical facilities going up on many bases.

For example, the Navy just finished moving Carrier Air Wing 5 from Naval Air Facility Atsugi in Kanagawa prefecture to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni in Yamaguchi prefecture, which involved $4.9 billion of construction, Verell said.

"We're doing major construction and bringing new capabilities to the alliance," he said.

At Yokota, $200 million of work will be done to accommodate CV-22 Osprey aircraft. That will include new taxiways, utilities and facilities such as hangars, maintenance, operations and administration facilities, he said.

"Those projects will take three to four years with the horizontal construction due to start before the end of the calendar year," Verell said.

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**Maj. Gen. Anthony Funkhouser, left, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers deputy commander, checks out construction of a military port in Naha, Japan, where military planners must compete for the services of busy local contractors.**

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# US envoy shows deal draft to Afghan leaders

*Associated Press*

KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S. envoy showed the draft of a U.S.-Taliban agreement to Afghan leaders on Monday after declaring they were "at the threshold" of a deal to end America's longest war, officials said. Under the deal the first 5,000 U.S. troops would leave Afghanistan in less than five months, the envoy said.

However, reflecting the sensitivity of the U.S.-Taliban negotiations and the Afghan government's sidelined role in the talks so far, it was not clear whether the draft was actually given to President Ashraf Ghani and his team.

Envoy Zalmay Khalilzad met twice with Ghani after arriving Sunday evening from Qatar, where the ninth round of U.S.-Taliban talks ended without a final agreement. He is expected to meet with other political leaders this week.

"We have reached an agreement with the Taliban in principle but, of course, until the U.S. president agrees with it, it isn't final," Khalilzad told the local TOLO news channel. He said that under the deal, the first 5,000 U.S. troops would withdraw within 135 days from five bases. Between 14,000 and 13,000 troops are currently in the country.

President Donald Trump last week told Fox News the U.S. plans to reduce its troop presence to 8,600 and then "make a determination from there." He has been eager to withdraw troops before next year's election and the draft deal easily meets that deadline.

Afghan presidential spokesman Sediq Seddiqi told reporters the government would study the deal to make sure it addresses the goals of a lasting ceasefire and direct talks with the Taliban in the near future. "It will take couple of days, probably, that we will get back to them and give them our observations," he said.

RAHMAT GUL/AP

**Afghan presidential spokesman Sediq Seddiqi told reporters Monday in Kabul, Afghanistan, that the Afghan government likely would take a "couple of days" to study the draft of a U.S.-Taliban agreement to make sure it addresses the government's main goals.**

A deal on ending nearly 18 years of fighting is closer to reality, even as the Taliban attacked the capitals of Kunduz and Baghlan provinces in the north over the weekend. Violence continued in Kunduz on Monday as a suicide bomber targeted a police checkpoint and killed at least four officers and wounded 17 people, including 10 civilians, said provincial health director Esanullah Fazeli.

The Afghan government has been shut out of the U.S.-Taliban negotiations, as the militant group dismisses it as a U.S. puppet, but intra-Afghan talks that include the government are meant to follow a U.S.-Taliban deal.

The Kabul government says its negotiating team is ready but refuses to say who is on it.

The Taliban are at their strongest since the U.S.-led invasion to topple their government after the 9/11 attacks on the United States. The insurgents want all of the estimated 20,000 U.S. and NATO forces to leave Afghanistan and already portray their departure as the insurgents' victory.

BASHIR KHAN SAFI/AP

**Afghan men bury the bodies of security forces on Sunday, a day after they were killed in a Taliban suicide attack in Kunduz province.**

"We are on the verge of ending the invasion and reaching a peaceful solution for Afghanistan," the Taliban spokesman in Qatar, Suhail Shaheen, said over the weekend.

For its part, the U.S. seeks Taliban assurances that Afghanistan will not be a safe haven for extremist groups to plan and launch global terrorist attacks.

The militant group has stepped up attacks in recent months to strengthen its negotiating position. The United Nations and others say civilians have suffered, often caught in the crossfire as government forces, backed by the U.S., have pursued the militants with airstrikes and raids.

A U.S. official with Khalilzad's negotiation team recently said that "any potential peace deal will not be based on blind trust, but will instead contain clear commitments that are subject to our monitoring and verification."

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the matter with the media.

The official added that a deal would lead to "intra-Afghan negotiations where the Taliban will sit with other Afghans and together they will commit to a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire."

Unrest continued Monday outside Baghlan's capital city, Puli Khumri, as the Taliban blocked the main road leading south to Kabul with fuel tanker trucks, opening fire on any security forces that tried to approach, provincial council member Mabobullah Ghafari said. The Taliban also blocked the two main highways heading north, he said.

The Interior Ministry said at least 51 Taliban fighters, seven civilians and six members of security forces had been killed, and that the Taliban would soon be eliminated from the area.

# **Ranger:** Hibsch is the 1st female airman to complete grueling 2-month course

**FROM FRONT PAGE**

"From the NBA to leading the way!" wrote Gen. David Hodne, head of the Army's Infantry School at Benning, in a tweet accompanying a photo of himself with Plumlee at the school's rappel tower. "Proud of today's Ranger School graduates including 2LT Marshall Plumlee."

After ROTC at Duke, Plumlee commissioned in the New York National Guard in 2017 while playing for the Knicks. He signed with the Milwaukee Bucks and played for them in the 2018 season. His two older brothers play in the NBA.

Plumlee's mother, who played college basketball at Purdue, pinned his tab on him. On Instagram, he thanked her as his biggest supporter in his transition "going from the NBA to the active duty Army and now Ranger School."

Playing professionally was his dream as a kid, he said in an October 2017 Army video, but so was joining the Army. His biggest role models were servicemembers, he said.

In high school, Gen. Robert Brown became a mentor to him, a 2015 ROTC profile said.

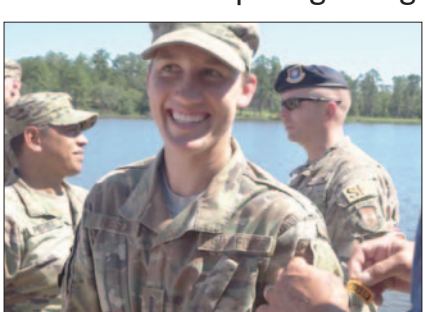
Both have played basketball under legendary coach Mike Krzyzewski — Brown at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., where "Coach K" had also played, and Plumlee at Duke. Though the 2015 profile didn't give Brown's height, it said he was nearly as tall as Plumlee.

The junior officer is seen in footage from last week's ceremony towering over others in formation.

"I'll meet the occasional soldier who'll tell me they look up to me, either literally because I'm 7 feet tall, or figuratively because I played in the NBA," Plumlee said in 2017. "It's just so backwards for me, because I look up to them."

While smaller in stature, Hibsch will likely be looked up to as well for different reasons. She's the first woman out of about 300 airmen to complete the rigorous training since it opened to the Air Force in 1955.

More than two dozen women have graduated from the school since it opened to them in 2015 as part of a push to get women into combat jobs.



U.S. Army

**First Lt. Chelsey Hibsch receives her Ranger tab after graduating from the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga., on Friday.**

On average, less than half of men who attempt the course complete it — many fail in the initial three days. Most aren't able to complete all three of the school's phases without recycling through either the initial Benning phase, another one in the mountains of northern Georgia or the final stage in the swamps of Florida, the Army has said.

To screen and select airmen for the course, the Air Force conducts a tough 19-day assessment. Hibsch, a former enlisted airman, completed it last fall in San Antonio, one of 10 to finish out of a starting group of 29.

The training helped her understand how she functions when "hungry, tired, wet, cold and worse, then you have to lead a team of individuals feeling the exact same way," she said.

She also went to a two-week program with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii to further prepare, an Air Force statement said.

"Ranger School is truly not for the faint of heart," said Lt. Col. Walter Sorensen, a Ranger-qualified instructor at the Texas course and the training chief at the Air Force Security Forces Center, where it was hosted. "It speaks well of all those who persevere to find that inner grit and motivation to push through."

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MILITARY

# Plan for more US troops in Poland moving ahead

By Jennifer H. Svan
*Stars and Stripes*

WARSAW, Poland — The United States and Poland are moving ahead with a plan to add another 1,000 U.S. troops to the country, Vice President Mike Pence and Polish President Andrzej Duda said at a joint press conference Monday, perhaps by the end of this year.

"Lots of proposals have been put on the table," Duda said. "We hope this year we will be able to sign a final agreement concerning the extension of the U.S. presence" in Poland.

Pence said sites "for our joint bases have also been finalized," but referred a reporter's question about the timeline of the boost into Poland to the Pentagon.

Pence and Duda did not say to which locations U.S. military personnel would go. U.S. troops currently live and train at about half a dozen Polish bases on a rotating or temporary basis.

"I know that is in the process as we speak," Pence said of timeline targets, "and it reflects a part of the United States' ongoing commitment to this alliance and our relationship to Poland, rotating troops through this country."

Pence and his wife arrived in Warsaw early Sunday morning to attend the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II along with dozens of foreign leaders from across Europe. He came in place of President Donald Trump, who canceled his trip last week to better monitor Hurricane Dorian, which is battering the Bahamas after making landfall as a Category 5 storm and is forecast to stay just off the U.S. coast as it turns up the eastern seaboard.

Trump is expected to reschedule his trip to Poland this fall, Pence said.

"The president was truly disappointed that circumstances in our country did not allow him to be here," he said.

When Trump does visit, he'll likely demand certain NATO allies spend more on defense, a drum he's been beating since the start of his presidency — and a theme repeated by Pence during his visit to Warsaw.

Pence, in a speech at the World War II event Sunday, said the United States and Poland should "call on our allies to live up to the promise we made to one another."

On Monday, Pence elaborated on that message, praising Poland for being one of only seven countries in the 28-member NATO alliance to meet a NATO target calling for each member to spend at least 2% of gross domestic product on defense by 2024.

"We commend President Duda for committing to that and also his aspiration to well exceed that amount in the not too distant future," Pence said. "I can assure you that when President Trump is next in Poland, two things will happen: He will commend President Duda for his commitment to our common defense and he'll continue to call out our NATO allies.

"It simply does not make sense for the people of the United States to bear the lion's share of the burden of defending Europe when so many countries in our NATO alliance fail to meet the minimum obligation that every nation in this alliance made to one another."

Trump's insistence on the NATO spending goal has caused a rift with Germany, where Chancellor Angela Merkel's government announced earlier this year a three-year budget plan that would fall even lower than an earlier target of 1.5%.

Pence called out Germany for its increasing dependence on Russia for its energy needs, referring to natural gas pipelines under construction from Russia to Germany via the Baltic Sea.

"This is another point Trump will continue to raise," Pence said.

Pence asserted the relationship between Poland and the United States under Trump and Duda is the strongest it's ever been. Proof of that includes plans to soon allow Poles to travel visa-free to America, Pence said.

"I'm pleased to report Poland is nearing eligibility for our visa waiver program," Pence said, noting an announcement could be forthcoming when Trump visits Poland.

The visa requirement has long been a sore point in relations between the two nations. Poles, unlike Western Europeans, must apply for a U.S. visa to travel to the United States.

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**Polish President Andrzej Duda and his wife, Agata, greet Vice President Mike Pence and his wife, Karen, at the presidential palace in Warsaw, Poland, on Monday.**

## Joint 5G tech agreement signed during Pence trip

By Jill Colvin
*Associated Press*

WARSAW, Poland — The U.S. and Poland signed an agreement Monday to cooperate on new 5G technology amid growing concerns about Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei.

Vice President Mike Pence and Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki signed the deal in Warsaw, where Pence is filling in for President Donald Trump, who scrapped his trip at the last minute because of Hurricane Dorian.

The signing comes amid a global battle between the U.S. and Huawei, the world's biggest maker of network infrastructure equipment, over network security.

The agreement endorses the principles developed by cybersecurity officials from dozens of countries at a summit in Prague earlier this year to counter threats and ensure the safety of next-generation mobile networks.

"Protecting these next-generation communications networks from disruption or manipulation and ensuring the privacy and individual liberties of the citizens of the United States, Poland and other countries is of vital importance," the agreement says.

Pence said the agreement would "set a vital example for the rest of Europe."

Casey Scoular/U.S. Navy

Alec Kramer/U.S. Navy

## Drills in 1812 skills

**Above: During the week spent aboard the USS Constitution to immerse themselves in the U.S. Navy's history, sailors learn a variety of time-honored maritime skills while living and working aboard the ship. The Constitution is the world's oldest active-duty commissioned warship still afloat, seeing active sea duty from 1797 to 1855 and combat in the Barbary Wars and the War 1812. Left: The Constitution is tugged out to Fort Independence on Castle Island in South Boston on Friday during the drills, called "Old Ironsides' Chief Petty Officer Heritage Week."**

MILITARY

# Iran warns Europe amid pact stalemate

By Nasser Karimi
*Associated Press*

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran will "take a strong step" away from its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers if Europe cannot offer the country new terms by a deadline at the end of this week, a government spokesman said Monday as top Iranian diplomats traveled to France and Russia for last-minute talks.

The comments from Ali Rabiei reinforced the deadline Iran had set for Friday for Europe to offer it a way to sell its crude oil on the global market. Crushing U.S. sanctions imposed after President Donald Trump withdrew America from the deal more than a year ago have halted those sales.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was in Moscow, while his deputy was to travel to Paris with a team of economists Monday in a renewed diplomatic push.

The developments come after French President Emmanuel Macron surprised the Group of Seven summit in France by inviting Zarif last week.

Rabiei described Iran's strategy to journalists at Monday's press conference in Tehran as "commitment for commitment."

"Iran's oil should be bought and its money should be accessible to return to Iran," Rabiei said. "This is the agenda of our talks."

It's unclear what the terms of negotiation are. In theory, anyone caught buying Iranian crude oil would be subject to U.S. sanctions and potentially locked out of the American financial market.

Already, Iran has gone over limits set by the deal. The International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed last week that Iran's stockpile of low-enriched uranium still exceeds the amount allowed by the so-called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA as the deal is known.

The U.N. agency also said Iran continues to enrich uranium up to 4.5%, above the 3.67% allowed.

Enriched uranium at the 3.67% level is enough for peaceful pursuits and is far below weapons-grade levels of 90%. At the 4.5% level, the uranium can help power Iran's Bushehr reactor, the country's only nuclear power plant.

It remains unclear what further step Iran will take, though it could involve restarting advanced centrifuges prohibited by the deal or further bumping up its enrichment of uranium. Iran insists the steps it has taken so far are easily reversible.

"We will announce implementation of the third step in a letter to the Europeans if the Europeans do not implement necessary measures by Thursday," Zarif said in a Sunday interview with Iran's parliament news agency, ICANA.

Meeting in Moscow with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, Zarif reiterated that it was up to Europe to ensure the deal's survival.

Iran will "be complying with its obligations in full when the Europeans comply with theirs in full," Zarif told journalists.

The nuclear deal is meant to keep Tehran from building atomic weapons in exchange for economic relief. It has been complicated by the unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the deal and Washington's increased sanctions on Tehran, which have been taking a toll on the Iranian economy.

That has left the other signatories — Germany, Britain, France, Russia and China — struggling to come up with enough incentives to keep Iran in the deal.

"Iran is willing to give Diplomacy, Engagement and Dialogue another chance," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi wrote on Twitter, but he added that "Opportunities pass like clouds."

Ebrahim Noroozi/AP

**Iranian government spokesman Ali Rabiei said Monday that Iran will take a step away from the 2015 nuclear deal with world powers if an offer of new terms is not made by the end of the week.**

## Iran acknowledges rocket explosion; admits technical test malfunctioned

By Nasser Karimi and Jon Gambrell
*Associated Press*

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran acknowledged for the first time Monday that a rocket at its Imam Khomeini Space Center exploded after satellite photos showed the blast last week, with an official saying a technical malfunction during a test caused the explosion.

The comments by government spokesman Ali Rabiei were the first explanation offered by Iran for Thursday's explosion, which came ahead of a planned satellite launch by the Islamic Republic that the U.S. has criticized.

Rabiei also criticized President Donald Trump for tweeting what appeared to be a surveillance photo of the aftermath of the explosion shot by a U.S. spy satellite.

The explosion marked the third failure involving a rocket at the Iranian center, which has raised suspicions of sabotage in Iran's space program.

However, Rabiei dismissed that, saying that "this has been a technical matter and a technical error. Our experts unanimously say so.

"The explosion happened at the launchpad, and no satellite had yet been transferred to the launchpad," Rabiei said. "It happened at a test site, not at the launch site."

# **Recruiting:** Videos of playing Battleship on a sub and treasure hunting help gain attention

**FROM FRONT PAGE**

"They are consuming a large amount of video content digitally online, mostly through their smartphones," said Capt. Matt Boren, director of marketing and advertising for Navy Recruiting Command. "So we had to adapt and provide our content to the audience really where they live

"So it was a natural collaboration for us to try to find those creators that we think would work well with sailors, so we can show that we're relatable and to help perhaps reach a new audience to show what a day in the life of a sailor is. And just to try to, maybe demystify, some of the things we do."

In one video, YouTuber Kevin Lieber, known as VSauce2, deconstructs the algorithms used in the board game "Battleship." Lieber, who has 4.1 million followers, played the game with a submariner aboard the attack submarine USS Pasadena. As they played, Lieber explained mathematical probabilities.

Those who visit Lieber's channel can find a link to a Navy-produced video in which he details what "nukes," like the submariner he played "Battleship" with, do aboard nuclear-powered vessels as well as see a behind-the-scenes video.

Boren declined to say how much each influencer was paid for making the sponsored videos.

But a few weeks into the campaign, he said the results look positive.

Osman's egg drop video was viewed on his channel more than 1.5 million times in its first two weeks, generating 98,000 "likes" and more than 7,700 comments. Meanwhile, a Navy-produced video of Osman's visit had been viewed about 142,000 times on the Navy's channel.

There are already similar results for the other videos.

Jake Koehler, a diver who chronicles his treasure hunting adventures on his channel, produced a video in which he works with explosive ordnance disposal divers to locate simulated bombs on the decommissioned aircraft carrier USS Midway.

The 16-minute video has been viewed more than 2.1 million times in just a few weeks. The only two official Navy recruiting videos to ever get more views are one about boot camp, which has been online for eight years and viewed 4 million times, and one about SEAL training, which has been viewed 3.3 million times in 12 years.

While the initial view counts are impressive, Boren said the ultimate goal is to entice people ages 17 to 24 to consider the Navy as a career option.

"It's trying to relate to an audience that's very unfamiliar with the Navy, or even opportunities in the military, just so they can maybe pique the curiosity and maybe encourage them to look into it a little more," he said. "And if we've reached an audience that we otherwise wouldn't have, that's kind of a success measure for us."

YouTube

**From left, U.S. Navy cryptologic technicians Brittnie Raybon and Kayren Vicknair and YouTuber William Osman competed in an egg-drop competition that was part of a recruiting effort by the Navy.**

NATION

# Bahamas pummeled by Category 4 Dorian

By Ramon Espinosa and Danica Coto
*Associated Press*

FREEPORT, Bahamas — Hurricane Dorian unleashed massive flooding across the Bahamas on Monday, pummeling the islands with so much wind and water that authorities urged people to find flotation devices and grab hammers to break out of their attics if necessary.

The fearsome Category 4 storm slowed almost to a standstill as it shredded roofs, hurled cars and forced even rescue crews to take shelter until the onslaught passed.

Officials said they received a "tremendous" number of calls from people in flooded homes. Forecasters warned that Dorian could generate a storm surge as high as 23 feet.

Police Chief Samuel Butler urged people to remain calm and share their GPS coordinates, but he said rescue crews had to wait until weather conditions improved.

"We simply cannot get to you," he told Bahamas radio station ZNS, which shared reports from callers who said some people were stuck on roofs and in attics.

On nearby Abaco Island, Parliament member Renward Wells said he received reports of casualties but officials had not been able to confirm them.

Meanwhile in the United States, the National Hurricane Center extended watches and warnings across the Florida and Georgia coasts. Forecasters expected Dorian to stay just off shore, but meteorologist Daniel Brown cautioned that "only a small deviation" could draw the storm's dangerous core toward land.

By midday Monday, the storm's top sustained winds fell slightly to 155 mph. It was crawling along Grand Bahama Island at just 1 mph.

Ramon Espinosa/AP

**Powerful winds hit palm trees as Hurricane Dorian arrives in Freeport, Grand Bahama, Bahamas, on Sunday. The storm has caused significant damage and left people stranded and awaiting rescue.**

The water reached roofs and the tops of palm trees. One woman filmed water lapping at the stairs of her home's second floor.

In Freeport, Dave Mackey recorded video showing water and floating debris surging around his house as the wind shrieked outside.

"Our house is 15 feet up, and right now where that water is about 8 feet. So we're pretty concerned right now because we're not at high tide," said Mackey, who shared the video with The Associated Press. "Our garage door has already come off. ... Once we come out of it with our lives, we're happy."

On Sunday, Dorian churned over Abaco Island with battering winds and surf and heavy flooding.

Parliament member Darren Henfield described the damage as "catastrophic" and said officials did not have information on what happened in nearby cays. "We are in search and recovery mode. ... Continue to pray for us," he said.

A spokesman for Bahamas Power and Light told ZNS there was a blackout in New Providence, the archipelago's most populous island. He said the company's office in Abaco island was flattened. "The reports out of Abaco, as everyone knows," Parker said as he paused for a deep sigh, "were not good."

Meanwhile, Don Cornish, island administrator for Grand Bahama Island, told the AP that officials received many calls from people in distress about flooded homes.

Most people went to shelters as the storm neared. Tourist hotels shut down and residents boarded up their homes. But many people were expected to be left homeless.

"It's devastating," Joy Jibrilu, director general of the Bahamas' Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, said Sunday afternoon. "There has been huge damage to property and infrastructure. Luckily, no loss of life reported."

The Bahamas archipelago is no stranger to hurricanes. Homes are required to have metal reinforcements for roof beams to withstand winds into the upper limits of a Category 4 hurricane, and compliance is generally tight for those who can afford it. Risks are higher in poorer neighborhoods that have wooden homes in low-lying areas.

Forecasters said Dorian was likely to begin pulling away from the Bahamas early Tuesday and curving to the northeast parallel to the southeastern coast of the U.S. The system is expected to spin 40 to 50 miles off Florida, with hurricane-force wind speeds extending about 35 miles to the west.

An advisory from the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami warned that Florida's east-central coast could see a brief tornado sometime Monday afternoon or evening.

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster issued an order Sunday for the mandatory evacuation of his state's entire coast. The order, which covers about 830,000 people, was to take effect at noon Monday, at which point state troopers were to make all lanes on major coastal highways one-way heading inland.

A few hours later, Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp ordered mandatory evacuations for that state's Atlantic Coast, also starting at midday Monday.

Authorities in Florida ordered mandatory evacuations in some vulnerable coastal areas. North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper warned his state that it could see heavy rain, winds and floods later in the week.

Ken Graham, director of the hurricane center, urged people not to bet on safety just because the forecast track had the storm a bit offshore. With every new forecast, "we keep nudging (Dorian's track) a little bit to the left" — that is, closer to the Florida coast, Graham said.

# Hurricanes a recurring tradition on Labor Day weekends in Florida

*Associated Press*

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The traditional end of summer, Labor Day is also frequently a time for hurricanes in the U.S., especially Florida. More than two dozen have struck over the holiday weekend since 1851, with Hurricane Dorian now looming as the latest.

As destructive as it may become, however, Dorian is not likely to surpass what remains the most powerful cyclone to ever hit the U.S.: a Category 5 storm known as the Great Hurricane of 1935, which slammed into the Florida Keys, killing an estimated 400 to 600 people.

"It's one of the strongest storms ever to hit the United States," said state climatologist David Zierden.

Many of the victims were World War I veterans working in a Depression-era program to build the highway connecting the Florida Keys — a fact that infuriated Ernest Hemingway, who lived in Key West at the time and wrote a scathing article titled "Who murdered the vets?"

"Who sent them down to the Florida Keys and left them there in hurricane months?" Hemingway demanded to know in the piece, published in the magazine New Masses.

State officials sent a train from the Florida mainland to evacuate veterans and residents alike, but raging seas churned up by the storm swept it off the tracks, said Brad Bertelli, curator of the Florida Keys History and Discovery Center.

To this day, the Great Hurricane, which happened in an era before storms were given names, holds the record for lowest barometric pressure of any Atlantic Ocean storm to make U.S. landfall. The lower the pressure the more destructive the storm.

Only a handful of Category 5 hurricanes have struck the U.S. The most recent was Hurricane Michael, which roared onto the Florida Panhandle in October, killing at least 59 people and causing more than $25 billion in damage.

Andrew, in August 1992, swept across the southern tip of Florida — also hitting the Bahamas and Louisiana — causing 65 deaths and an estimated $27 billion in damage. Camille crashed ashore along the Louisiana-Mississippi border in August 1969, killing more than 250 people and causing nearly $10 billion in damage in today's dollars. Days later, landslides triggered by Camille killed 150 people in Virginia.

Keys History & Discovery Center/AP

**A group of men place bodies in coffins after the Great Hurricane of 1935 that hit the Florida Keys that Labor Day weekend.**

The 1935 Labor Day storm had a barometric pressure of 892 when it reached land; Michael's was 919 and Andrew's 922, according to Colorado State University researchers.

The middle Keys, mainly the region that is now the town of Islamorada, bore the brunt of the 1935 storm's howling winds and storm surge of up to 20 feet.

"It was like nothing ... anyone had experienced before," said Bertelli, who described a scene of terrified residents climbing trees to escape surging ocean waters. "Their clothes were ripped from their skin," he said.

Other Labor Day weekend hurricanes to hit Florida include David in 1979, Elena in 1985, Frances in 2004 and Hermine in 2016.

NATION

# Lawsuit settled in Ill. teen's suicide

By Michael Tarm
*Associated Press*

CHICAGO — The case of a suburban Chicago teenager who killed himself after being confronted at his high school about whether he made a video of himself having sex with a classmate raised uncomfortable questions about how aggressively school officials should question kids suspected of wrongdoing and whether they should wait until a parent arrives.

A wrongful death lawsuit brought by the parents of Corey Walgren, 16, that focused on those questions has been resolved, with the city of Naperville, Ill., expected to approve a settlement on Tuesday in which it and the local school district each agree to pay the Walgren family $125,000.

Walgren's death on Jan. 11, 2017, three hours after a dean and in-school police officer at Naperville High School told the honor roll student he might face child pornography charges, also prompted a change in Illinois law.

As of August, a parent, guardian, family lawyer or designated advocate must be present before police can begin questioning students at school who are younger than 18 and suspected of crimes, unless they pose an imminent threat.

The Walgren family/AP

**Corey Walgren, 16, committed suicide on Jan. 11, 2017, prompting a change in Illinois law.**

"The Corey Walgren story hits at every single parent's heart," Democratic state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, who introduced the legislation, said Friday. "We need to recognize that the brains of young people are not fully developed, and they need to be dealt with differently. … What happened to Corey should never happen again."

The most sensitive question surrounding the tragedy — whether school authorities shared responsibility for what happened to Walgren — was addressed by the federal judge in the civil case. Her answer: They weren't legally liable for his death, including because they couldn't have known Walgren was suicidal.

That finding this year by U.S. District Judge Andrea Wood prompted her to toss the suit. But the family hoped the 7th U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago would revive it. The sides agreed to settlement terms while that appeal was still pending, rendering the appeal moot.

While Wood concluded officials hadn't broken the law, she said that determination shouldn't be construed as condoning how they dealt with Walgren, especially telling him he could be charged and may have to register as a sex offender. The judge said child pornography was not found on Walgren's phone as suspected and that officials had falsely accused him.

"Faced with the implied threat of such consequences, it is perhaps unsurprising that a previously well-adjusted teenager's emotional state could deteriorate to such a point that he would contemplate taking his life," Wood wrote in a 22-page written opinion.

She added that while the officials' conduct "was problematic and had tragic consequences," it didn't make them liable for Walgren's death.

Among the claims Wood rejected was that school authorities were "deliberately indifferent" to signs of emotional distress. There were no outward signs Walgren was in a fragile mental state, and he had no history of harming himself, Wood wrote.

Legal liability, she went on, required conduct "so extreme as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency and to be regarded as intolerable in a civilized community." And while the deans' and the in-school officer's "interrogation tactics were harsh and aggressive, they were nonetheless ordinary police interrogation tactics."

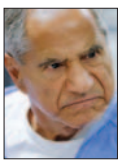
The suit named the city of Naperville, the Naperville Community Unit School District 203, two deans and the in-school officer as defendants. Wood's ruling dismissed the allegations against them all. The defendants do not admit wrongdoing in the settlement, which ends all legal action against them by the Walgren family.

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline number is 1-800-273-8255

# Sirhan Sirhan back in Calif. prison after inmate attack

*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — Sirhan Sirhan, imprisoned for more than 50 years for the 1968 assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is back inside a California prison about a day after being attacked by another inmate and hospitalized.



**Sirhan**

State corrections department spokesman Jeffrey Callison said Sunday that a wounded inmate, who he did not name, was returned to the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility near San Diego on Saturday.

A government source with direct knowledge confirmed to The Associated Press that Sirhan was the victim. The source spoke on condition of anonymity, citing prison privacy regulations.

Officials had confirmed an inmate was taken to a hospital on Friday but did not name Sirhan.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NATION

# Police not sure of reason for Texas rampage

*Associated Press*

ODESSA, Texas — Police say they are not sure why a man with a misdemeanor on his record and no warrant for his arrest erupted in a spate of violence after a routine traffic stop in West Texas, killing seven, including a man slain outside his parents' home and a teenager fatally shot as she left a car dealership with her family.

Authorities said Seth Aaron Ator, 36, also injured 22 people Saturday afternoon before officers killed him outside a busy movie theater in Odessa.

Online court records show Ator was arrested in 2001 for a misdemeanor offense that would not have prevented him from legally purchasing firearms in Texas, although authorities have not said where Ator got the "AR-style" weapon he used.

Authorities said those killed were between 15 and 57 years old but did not immediately provide a list of names. Family and employers, however, said that among the dead were Edwin Peregrino, 25, who ran out of his parents' home to see what the commotion was; mail carrier Mary Granados, 29, slain in her U.S. Postal Service truck; and 15-year-old high school student Leilah Hernandez, who was walking out of an auto dealership.

Hundreds of people gathered at a local university in the Permian Basin region known for its oil industry Sunday evening for a prayer vigil to console each other and grieve the loss of life.

"We're out here in the middle of nowhere," Midland Mayor Jerry Morales told the crowd. "All we've talked about is oil forever. And then this happens."

Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke said there were still no answers pointing to a motive for the chaotic attacks. The New York Times and Washington Post reported that Ator lost his job on the day of the attack, citing unnamed officials. An FBI spokeswoman declined to comment on those reports, but more details about Ator and the shooting were expected to be a released at a news conference scheduled for Monday afternoon.

The attack began Saturday afternoon when Texas state troopers tried pulling over a gold car on Interstate 20 for failing to signal a left turn. Before the vehicle came to a complete stop, the driver "pointed a rifle toward the rear window of his car and fired several shots" toward the patrol car stopping him, according to Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger.

The gunshots struck a trooper, Cesinger said, after which the gunman fled and continued shooting. He fired at random as he drove in the area of Odessa and Midland, two cities more than 300 miles west of Dallas.

Police used a marked SUV to ram the mail truck outside the Cinergy Movie Theater in Odessa, disabling the vehicle. The gunman then fired at police, wounding two officers before he was killed.

"Local law enforcement and state troopers pursued him and stopped him from possibly going into a crowded movie theater and having another event of mass violence," FBI special agent Christopher Combs said.

Police said Ator's arrest in 2001 was in the county where Waco is located, hundreds of miles east of Odessa. Online court records show he was charged then with misdemeanor criminal trespass and evading arrest.

Gerke refused to say the name of the shooter during a televised news conference, saying he wouldn't give him notoriety. But police later posted his name on Facebook. A similar approach has been taken in some other recent mass shootings in an effort to deny shooters notoriety.

The shooting came at the end of an already violent month in Texas, where on Aug. 3 a gunman in the border city of El Paso killed 22 people at a Walmart. Sitting beside authorities in Odessa, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott ticked off a list of mass shootings that have now killed nearly 70 since 2016 in his state alone.

"I have been to too many of these events," Abbott said. "Too many Texans are in mourning. Too many Texans have lost their lives. The status quo in Texas is unacceptable, and action is needed."

But Abbott, a Republican, remains noncommittal about imposing any new gun laws in Texas at a time when Democrats and gun control groups are demanding restrictions. Even as Abbott spoke, a number of looser gun laws that he signed this year took effect on the first day of September, including one that would arm more teachers in Texas schools.

Saturday's shooting brings the number of mass killings in the U.S. so far this year to 25, matching the number in all of 2018, according to the AP/USA Today/Northeastern University mass murder database. The number of people killed this year has already reached 142, surpassing the 140 people who were killed of all last year. The database tracks homicides where four or more people are killed, not including the offender.

Daniel Munoz, 28, of Odessa, was headed to a bar to meet a friend when he noticed the driver of an approaching car was holding what appeared to be a rifle.

"This is my street instincts: When a car is approaching you and you see a gun of any type, just get down," said Munoz, who moved from San Diego about a year ago to work in oil country. "Luckily I got down. ... Sure enough, I hear the shots go off. He let off at least three shots on me."

JACY LEWIS, REPORTER-TELEGRAM (MIDLAND, TEXAS)/AP

**Celeste Lujan, left, and Yasmin Natera hold a sign Sunday at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin quad in Odessa, Texas, in honor of Leilah Hernandez during a vigil for victims of the shooting spree the day before.**

## Trump wants to work with Congress to stop shootings

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump expressed a commitment Sunday, hours after the latest deadly mass shooting, to work with a divided Congress to "stop the menace of mass attacks."

He said any measures must satisfy the competing goals of protecting public safety and the constitutional right to gun ownership and seemed to cast fresh doubt on the merits of instituting more thorough background checks for gun purchases.

Trump spoke shortly after the death toll in Saturday's rampage in West Texas rose to seven as authorities worked to understand why a man pulled over for a traffic infraction opened fire on state troopers and fled. He shot more than 20 people before he was killed by police. A motive has not been released.

The president said it would be "wonderful to say" he'd work to "eliminate" mass shootings but acknowledged that was unlikely.

"We want to substantially reduce the violent crime," Trump said at the top of a briefing about Hurricane Dorian at Federal Emergency Management Agency headquarters in Washington.

Trump's commitment to gun control has been in doubt ever since 17 students and adults were killed in a shooting at a Parkland, Fla., high school on Valentine's Day in 2018. Trump came out in favor of stronger background checks after the shooting but quickly retreated under pressure from the National Rifle Association, the politically powerfully gun owners' lobby that strongly backed his bid to become president.

More recently, he has waffled on the merits of stronger background checks for gun purchases in the aftermath of back-to-back shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, that killed more than 30 people about a month ago. Instead, Trump sought to elevate mental health issues over access to guns.

Trump told reporters earlier Sunday that he's been speaking to lawmakers from both political parties and "people want to do something."

He said the administration is "looking at a lot of different things" and hopes to have a package ready by the time Congress returns to session next week.

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NATION

# Dive boat catches fire off California coast

## Coast Guard says dozens missing are feared dead

*Associated Press*

OXNARD, Calif. — The bodies of four people killed by a raging fire that swept through a dive boat off the Southern California coast were recovered Monday as authorities said more than two dozen others remained missing and feared dead.

Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Kroll said the four bodies had injuries consistent with drowning.

Searchers continued to look for more than two dozen other people who were aboard the vessel Conception, which burned while anchored off Santa Cruz Island.

"Right now they're conducting shoreline searches for any available survivors," Coast Guard Capt. Monica Rochester told reporters at a brief news conference at Channel Islands Harbor in Oxnard.

The Coast Guard said the vessel was believed to have carried 38 people, including five crew members who jumped off the boat soon after the fire ignited before dawn.

"The crew was actually already awake and on the bridge and they jumped off," Rochester said.

Two suffered minor injuries, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Mark Barney.

Authorities said the crew members were rescued by a good Samaritan vessel called The Grape Escape.

A woman who came to the harbor said, "My son was on that boat." She was led away by a Ventura County firefighter.

Rochester said the 75-foot commercial scuba diving vessel was anchored in Platt's Harbor, about 20 yards off the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island, when the fire ignited around 3 a.m.

She said the vessel sank in 64 feet of water, adding that its bow is still visible above the waterline.

The Conception was on the final day of a Labor Day weekend cruise to the Channel Islands when the fire erupted.

"At 3:15 this morning the Coast Guard overheard a mayday call. The call was garbled, it was not that clear, but we were able to get some information out of it to send vessels on scene," Barney said.

Rochester said that call indicated the boat was already fully ablaze.

The Conception was chartered by Worldwide Diving Adventures, which says on its website that it has been taking divers on such expeditions since the 1970s. It was owned and operated by Truth Aquatics, a respected Santa Barbara-based company founded in 1974.

Asked if the boat operator has a history of any violations, Rochester said, "The vessel has been in full compliance."

The Conception had departed at 4 a.m. Saturday with plans to return at 5 p.m. Monday.

Divers sleep in a single room of bunk beds, according to a diagram of the Conception posted on Truth Aquatics' website.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT/AP

**A dive boat is engulfed in flames after a deadly fire broke out aboard the commercial scuba diving vessel off the Southern California coast Monday morning.**

NATION

# Cape Cod's difficult summer

CHARLES KRUPA/AP

**A couple stands next to a shark warning sign while looking at the ocean at Lecount Hollow Beach in Wellfleet, Mass., in May. Local chamber of commerce data suggests Cape Cod lodging and beach visit numbers are down after uncommon tornadoes hit just one year after a pair of shark attacks.**

## A year after shark attacks rattled tourists, vacation spot grapples with tornadoes, taxes

BY PHILIP MARCELO
*Associated Press*

Between great white sharks, freak tornadoes and new taxes on vacation rentals, Cape Cod businesses have had a challenging summer.

Lodging and beach visit numbers are down on the famous vacation destination, one year after the region dealt with two shark attacks, including the state's first fatal attack in more than 80 years. Beaches have been closed to swimming for shark sightings so frequently that some news outlets have taken to keeping a running tally (At least 90 times, by one count).

Officials, who took modest steps to prepare for increased shark activity ahead of this season, are sighing in relief that there hasn't yet been a repeat of last year's attacks. But this summer also threw a curveball in the form of three rare tornadoes that touched down July 23.

While relatively weak and short-lived, the EF1 twisters ripped the roof off a hotel and knocked out power to tens of thousands of customers for almost three days. State officials estimate they caused $3.7 million in damage.

STEVE HEASLIP, THE CAPE COD (MASS.) TIMES/AP

**Yarmouth fire crews clear debris at the Cape Sands Inn in West Yarmouth, Mass., on July 23 after a morning tornado touched down.**

"It's been a roller coaster," said Wendy Northcross, CEO of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. "It rained every weekend in June. Then we had tornadoes in July. But August has been much better. We're looking forward to September. It's almost like a second summer."

Northcross said she expects August numbers to show more of a return to form for the region, which pumps more than $1 billion of tourism dollars into the state economy. But figures from the early summer months haven't been encouraging.

Attendance at the federally managed Cape Cod National Seashore beaches this June were down 10% compared with last June, according to chamber statistics.

Hotel occupancy rates were down more than 3% in June and July, compared with the same months last year. Vacation property rentals, which vastly outnumber traditional hotel and motel beds on the Cape, are also down about 2% from prior years, said Carla Hemmings, a rental manager at Cape Cod Oceanview Realty.

She and other property managers concede shark concerns have turned away some, but they argue the hotel and lodging taxes to which the rentals were subjected for the first time starting July 1 have taken a bigger bite.

Northcross pointed out that traffic across the bridges leading to the Cape averaged about 3,500 more vehicles a day in July than they did last July, suggesting more day trippers were venturing out rather than longer term vacationers. While she didn't yet have firm figures, she said, restaurants and retail shops reported brisk business in August.

Colette Cummings, owner of Ducks in the Window, said tourist activity along Chatham's charming Main Street has been noticeably lighter this summer, but that didn't seem to hurt her quirky duck-themed shop.

"There definitely weren't multiple days of craziness and energy like years before," she said. "At the same time, we had very, very few moments where we did not have customers in the store. So I can't say it was a bad summer. Given the shark issue, taxes and tornadoes, it could have been a lot worse."

Gail Knell, co-owner of The Ebb Tide, a restaurant in Dennis Port, is among the many business owners looking forward to fall to recoup losses.

She said the restaurant, which marked its 60th anniversary this year, had to discard all its food and remove eight fallen trees from the property after the tornadoes knocked out power for two days, costing the business more than $30,000.

Local government officials, meanwhile, are urging beachgoers to remain vigilant. Last year's fatal attack happened in mid-September, weeks after the traditional Labor Day end of the summer season.

Ronald Beaty, a commissioner with Barnstable County, the Cape's regional government, said officials also need to enact shark safety measures that reassure vacationers, or risk turning them away forever. A long-awaited study of possible solutions by a consultant hired by Cape Cod communities is slated to be released sometime in September.

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NATION

# State pro-gun groups see opportunity in NRA turmoil

Wayne LaPierre

Greg Pruett

By Lisa Marie Pane
*Associated Press*

Bob Mokos is a passionate gun owner who on the surface would seem like a card-carrying National Rifle Association member.

The retired airline pilot has been shooting guns since he was a child. The Vietnam veteran got more serious about firearms as a civilian after one of his sisters was fatally shot during a mugging in Chicago. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, he became qualified to carry a gun in the cockpit.

But Mokos has grown so disillusioned with the NRA over the years that he has joined forces with a rival organization — the gun control group founded by former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

"The more gun owners I contacted, the more I found out that everybody is thinking the same thing: The NRA does not speak for us," said Mokos, who was a founder of the Minnesota Gun Owners for Safety.

As the 2020 presidential campaign draws closer, gun control groups are seizing on the turmoil engulfing the NRA — as well as recent high-profile shootings in Gilroy, Calif.; El Paso, Texas; Dayton, Ohio; and last weekend's in Odessa and Midland, Texas — to court firearms owners in hopes of persuading them that there can be bipartisan solutions to gun violence that don't infringe on their Second Amendment rights.

Giffords' group formed coalitions this year with gun owners in Colorado, Minnesota and Texas in outreach that managing director Robin Lloyd said was done expressly to show that not all gun owners believe in the NRA.

"The fallacy that the NRA has perpetuated for so long is that you're either for the Second Amendment or you're for taking away people's guns," Lloyd told The Associated Press.

At the same time, various pro-gun organizations at the state level have been more active in staking their claim as the true defenders of the Second Amendment. Many of those advocates see the NRA as too focused on raking in donations to fuel a large organization out of touch with American gun owners.

"I don't think anybody doubts, even the most ardent critics, that they're the biggest gun lobby on the block and probably will be still for the foreseeable future," said Greg Pruett, president of Idaho Second Amendment Alliance.

"But I think a lot of people are starting to realize … we have this large machine but it's not doing what we're paying it to do, so where do we turn in the meantime until they either get things cleaned up — or is the NRA done in some regards, and we're going to suffer the consequences of their bad leadership at the ballot box?"

Long viewed as the most powerful gun lobby in the world, the NRA has been facing internal and external pressures over its operations and spending habits. Law enforcement authorities have launched probes that threaten its nonprofit status, and there has been a revolt by members who are questioning the NRA's finances and leadership.

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>
> **Bob Mokos**
> Minnesota Gun Owners for Safety

The group's former president, Oliver North, and its longtime top lobbyist have left.

Among the headline-grabbing details are allegations that its longtime CEO, Wayne LaPierre, expensed hundreds of thousands of dollars in wardrobe purchases from a Hollywood clothier and spent thousands traveling on private jets.

The NRA's problems have created fears among gun enthusiasts that rival organizations have found an opening to undermine the organization's mission to protect gun rights.

"Those folks are openly saying we have to move now while the NRA is in turmoil. They are very much trying to take advantage of this," said Tom Gresham, who hosts the syndicated radio show, "Gun Talk."

But gun control groups trying to court politically moderate firearms enthusiasts still have a long way to go to wield the same the power as the NRA.

In the wake of massacres that killed 31 people in Texas and Ohio, LaPierre has demonstrated his sway over President Donald Trump and the Republican-led Senate, where Democratic-sponsored gun legislation faces a grim fate. Trump voiced support for universal background checks after the shootings but backtracked after a phone call with LaPierre.

The NRA spent some $30 million to help elect Trump in 2016 and remains a powerful force lobbying politicians and government officials.

In the first half of this year, the NRA spent $1.6 million lobbying Congress, the State and Justice departments and other federal agencies on legislation that ranged from recreational shooting on federal lands to concealed firearms permits, according to disclosure records filed with the House and Senate.

The NRA donated $4.1 million to candidates for federal office during the last four election cycles, with the bulk of the contributions going to Republican incumbents, according to figures compiled by the political money website Open Secrets. That figure pales in comparison with what the gun rights group tallies on get-out-the-vote operations and advertising campaigns.

And many gun rights activists contend that even a weakened NRA may not matter when it comes to 2020 because the Democratic candidates for president have run so far to the left on guns during the primary. The vast majority of Democratic presidential candidates have called for a wide range of gun restrictions to be enacted.

Pruett, of the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance, said that although gun owners have grown weary of the NRA's troubles, it won't require much effort to mobilize gun owners because of some of the gun control ideas the Democrats have proposed during the campaign.

"The Democratic Party has gotten so radical on guns that it might actually help fuel a lot of gun owners getting out to vote and not necessarily have to rely on the NRA to get out to vote," Pruett said.

# Big tech or big labor? 2020 Democrats line up unions

By Kathleen Ronayne and Steve Peoples
*Associated Press*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Thousands of miles from the union halls of Pennsylvania and Michigan, organized labor is flexing its muscles in a pitched battle with tech giants. And the Democratic Party's 2020 class isn't being shy about picking sides.

In a rare injection of presidential politics into a state policy debate, virtually every major Democratic White House hopeful except Joe Biden has waded into a California clash between labor unions and tech giants such as Uber and Lyft over the very definition of work in a changing economy. In the run-up to Labor Day, Democrats lined up behind a labor-backed bill that would make it harder for tech companies to classify workers as independent contractors, who aren't entitled to minimum wage or workers' compensation.

It's a debate with national implications that labor unions love and the tech giants that created the on-demand delivery industry loathe. It also marks a fresh test of organized labor's relevance and strength in the age of Donald Trump, who won the presidency in part by peeling away working-class voters long loyal to Democrats in a handful of pivotal Midwest states.

But in 2020, just as the nature of labor is changing, so too is the notion of the "labor vote."

Voters in many traditionally union-dominated manufacturing areas were once a reliable Democratic constituency, but they have gradually drifted to Republicans, driven more by cultural issues such as guns, abortion and immigration than by wages, benefits and pensions. Union members also are shrinking as a total of the overall vote.

Still, in states with growing service and public sectors, labor has shown it is still capable of mounting large, influential campaigns on the minimum wage, health care and workers' rights. Democrats largely have fallen in line, risking blowback from donors and voters in the powerful tech industry.

"It says something about where the candidates think the primary voters are on this issue," said Zev Yaroslavsky, a former Democratic supervisor in Los Angeles County who now works at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.

They "may believe that labor can be more helpful to them than the high-tech companies can be to them in a caucus state or a primary," he said.

Rich Pedroncelli/AP

**California Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, D-San Diego, speaks at rally calling for passage of her measure to limit when companies can label workers as independent contractors at the Capitol in Sacramento on Aug. 28.**

From its earliest days, the 2020 Democratic primary has highlighted the renewed power of organized labor in presidential politics.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren launched her candidacy at the site of a famous labor union strike in Lawrence, Mass. Democratic front-runner Biden held his first rally at a Teamsters union hall in Pittsburgh. And under pressure from organized labor, Sen. Bernie Sanders recently added additional language to his "Medicare for All" plan to provide for more oversight for union members.

"Candidates understand that our members have sky-high expectations, and that's being reflected in their campaigns," said AFL-CIO spokesman John Weber.

WORLD

# UK's Johnson gets tough with those opposing Brexit

*Associated Press*

LONDON — Prime Minister Boris Johnson is getting tough with members of his Conservative Party who oppose his Brexit plans at the start of what promises to be a momentous week in British politics.

The so-called "rebels" are being warned Monday that they will be expelled from the party if they take part in efforts led by opposition parties in Parliament to block a departure from the European Union without a deal.

Conservative former Justice Secretary David Gauke accused Johnson of "goading" party members to vote against the government so they can be ousted in favor of lawmakers who support the prime minister's more extreme version of Brexit.

"It's obviously a particularly confrontational approach and, I think, designed, frankly, to realign the Conservative Party, to transform the Conservative Party very much in the direction of a Brexit party," Gauke told the BBC.

Opposition parties are pledging to challenge Johnson's policy that the U.K. will leave the EU on Oct. 31 even if there is no deal. Without such a deal, Britain faces a chaotic departure that economists warn would disrupt trade by imposing tariffs and customs checks between Britain and the 27 other members of the bloc — potentially triggering a drop in the pound and plunging the U.K. into recession.

Johnson insists the potential for a no-deal Brexit must remain an option in negotiations with the EU. The EU is adamant it will not renegotiate the agreement struck with former Prime Minister Theresa May on the terms of Britain's departure and the framework of future relations.

**Johnson**

The deal was defeated in Britain's Parliament three times, largely because of opposition to clauses related to keeping open the border between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Former Prime Minister Tony Blair has warned that politicians are at a critical juncture.

"In modern history, there's never been a more important moment for politicians to put country before tribe and national interest before self-interest," Blair said in remarks at the Institute for Government on Monday.

Lawmakers will have little time before the withdrawal deadline and face a lengthy parliamentary suspension in the middle.

KIN CHEUNG/AP

**Students sit on the ground during a protest at Admiralty station in Hong Kong on Monday.**

# Hong Kong students continue to strike on first day of school

BY NADIA LAM AND VINCENT YU
*Associated Press*

HONG KONG — High school students in Hong Kong added gas masks, goggles and hard hats to their formal white uniforms as they joined a strike Monday on the first day of school to show their commitment to the city's fiery anti-government protest movement.

The nearly three months of youth-dominated protests — calling for democracy and an independent inquiry into police conduct — will be tested as classes resume after the summer break in the semiautonomous Chinese territory.

Strikers in the hundreds gathered at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and two public spaces in the city's central business district. Workers on strike congregated in Tamar Park, while at nearby Edinburgh Place, high school students who were skipping class rallied around a black banner that read, "With no future, there's no need to go to class."

At St. Francis' Canossian College, uniformed students kneeled in a line and held up hand-painted signs that read, "The five major demands: Not one is dispensable." The elite girls' school is where Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam was educated.

Hong Kong Education Secretary Kevin Yeung said he hoped students would stay in class.

"Schools should not be used as places for political demands or exercising pressure," he said at a government briefing.

The protesters' demands include dropping charges against demonstrators who have been arrested and formally withdrawing an extradition bill that would allow Hong Kong residents to be sent to mainland China to stand trial.

The appeals are undergirded by a sense among some Hong Kong residents that the Communist Party-ruled mainland government has been eroding the autonomy and civil liberties promised when the former British colony was returned to China in 1997.

Some demonstrators disrupted the morning commute on Monday by blocking train doors and attempting to evade riot police who were hot on their heels by moving quickly between multiple public transit stations.

Officers at Lok Fu station hit protesters with batons and arrested one. Three others were arrested at Lai King station.

# Calm prevails on border day after Lebanon, Israel clash

BY HUSSEIN MALLA AND BASSAM HATOUM
*Associated Press*

MAROUN EL-RAS, Lebanon — The Lebanon-Israel border was mostly calm Monday, with U.N. peacekeepers patrolling the border a day after the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group fired a barrage of anti-tank missiles into Israel in response to an earlier attack, triggering Israeli artillery fire.

The missile attack into Israel on Sunday did not inflict any casualties on the Israeli side. It came after Hezbollah vowed to retaliate for an Israeli airstrike that killed two Hezbollah operatives in Syria and an Israeli drone strike on the group's stronghold south of Beirut in late August.

No one was hurt by the Israeli artillery fire, which lasted about two hours and hit fields near the border village of Maroun el-Ras and the nearby village of Yaroun.

In Maroun el-Ras, residents inspected their tobacco and olive fields, some of which were burned by the Israeli fire, early Monday.

Shortly before noon, a foot patrol of U.N. peacekeepers was seen near the border fence, searching the sides of a road with metal detectors apparently to make sure there are no unexploded shells.

A U.N. helicopter flew overhead, while an armored personnel carrier followed the peacekeepers.

Merchant Ahmad Alawiyeh, 45, was in the village with his son and daughter standing in an area overlooking his plot of land close to the fence. He didn't sustain much damage as he hadn't planted tobacco or olive trees like those in the two adjacent, burned plots.

"This is a victory and pride for us," he said, referring to Hezbollah's attack on Israel.

Alawiyeh has been living between his hometown and Beirut since Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon in 2000, ending an 18-year occupation.

HUSSEIN MALLA/AP

**Lebanese men, at bottom, ride their motorcycle past fields that burned from Israeli army shells in the southern Lebanese border village of Maroun el-Ras on Monday.**

On the Israeli side of the border, civilian cars were seen from a distance driving through a village.

# Yemen reeling after deadly Saudi-led coalition strikes

*Associated Press*

SANAA, Yemen — Yemen was reeling Monday from the deadliest attack so far this year after multiple airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition hit a detention center run by the country's rebels the previous day, killing more than 100 people and wounding dozens.

By midday, search and rescue teams retrieved 86 bodies but continued to search for more in the rubble of a building complex in southwestern Dhamar province that the Iran-backed rebel Houthis were using as a detention center, Yemen's Red Crescent said.

There were about 170 detainees at the facility when the airstrikes hit on Sunday. The International Committee for the Red Cross said 40 wounded were being treated for injuries, while the rest were presumed dead.

Franz Rauchenstein, the head of the ICRC delegation in Yemen, visited the site of Sunday's attack, suggesting the final death toll would be higher and saying relatively few detainees survived. The ICRC said it would likely take several days to locate all the bodies and pull them out.

The Saudi-led coalition, which has waged war on the Iran-backed Houthis since 2015, has faced international criticism for airstrikes that have hit schools, hospitals and wedding parties, killing thousands of civilians in Yemen's civil war.

Bashir al-Dawrani, a spokesman for Yemen's Red Crescent in Dhamar, said the wounded were taken to various hospitals in Dhamar and in the capital, Sanaa. Dhamar is about 62 miles south of Sanaa.

"We are still working to pull out bodies from the rubbles," he said.

The Yemen U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights confirmed that 52 detainees are among the dead.

WORLD

# Far-right support grows in Germany

By Geir Moulson
*Associated Press*

BERLIN — Germany's governing parties have staved off another crisis for now with wins in two state elections in the country's east, but a far-right opponent that surged to finish a strong second savored the prospect of harrying mainstream rivals in its heartland Monday.

Alternative for Germany, or AfD, proclaimed that it can't be frozen out of power forever after it nearly tripled its support in Saxony and almost doubled it in neighboring Brandenburg on Sunday compared with five years earlier.

The far-right AfD took around a quarter of the vote between the two states, reflecting its establishment as a major political force — particularly in the ex-communist east — after the 2015 migrant influx.

But it fell short of beating the traditional parties that have governed those regions since German reunification in 1990, a possibility that seemed likely a few weeks ago and could have further destabilized Chancellor Angela Merkel's struggling coalition government in Berlin.

It remains uncertain whether her alliance will survive until the next national election, due in 2021. That is likely to become clear only in December when the center-left Social Democrats — Merkel's junior partners in Berlin — finish choosing a new leadership from a 17-candidate field and mull the alliance's future.

The leader of Merkel's center-right Christian Democratic Union, Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, renewed her long-standing insistence that her party won't work with AfD. Asked if it can continue freezing out a force that wins a quarter of the vote, she replied, "Yes, we can."

She argued that such a stance had attracted voters.

But she acknowledged that the outcome in Saxony, where her party won but now faces the prospect of patching together a three-way alliance with the environmentalist Greens, was a "difficult result." In Brandenburg, the Social Democrats face a similar task after their outgoing government lost its majority.

AfD has thrived on uncompromising opposition and savored the prospect of more.

"Opposition is not necessary garbage," co-leader Joerg Meuthen said. "We will be a very strong opposition against very fragile governing alliances."

Meuthen compared AfD to Italy's League, which was once a regional party in Italy's north but surged to wider popularity with a strong anti-migrant stance in the country's recently collapsed government.

"We are going in that direction, except that here change is coming not from the north of the country but from the east," he said.

Fellow party leader Alexander Gauland said there were majorities on the right in both states that voted Sunday and he was "very confident" that "not in the short term, but certainly in the medium term" those could be turned into a government, at least in Saxony. "We have an election result that won't allow us to be left out in the cold permanently," he said.

# Saudi festival promotes image revamp, tourism

By Amr Nabil
*Associated Press*

AL-SOUDAH, Saudi Arabia — Atop a string of green mountains in Saudi Arabia, a monthlong festival drew a medley of yoga enthusiasts, extreme adventure seekers, tourists and traditional Saudi families — many wearing colorful flower crowns native to the region as the kingdom looks for ways to revamp its image and build up tourism.

The al-Soudah festival, which ran throughout the month of August, gave visitors a chance to experience a unique region in Saudi Arabia and take part in outdoor sports like hiking, mountain biking, paragliding, horseback riding, zip-lining and bungee jumping. Thousands also attended concerts by Middle Eastern superstars.

Scenes of women zip lining and young Saudis at concerts, while nevertheless in a remote village, are a stark departure from the ultraconservative policies that for decades barred concerts and gender mixing, as well as shunned women's sports in the kingdom.

The reforms are being pushed by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the king's powerful 34-year-old son. He is looking to revamp the country's economy to become more resilient in the face of lower oil prices. Boosting domestic spending and opening the country to foreign tourists are seen as ways to create more jobs for the millions of young Saudis who will be entering the workforce and looking for jobs in the coming years.

The al-Soudah festival attracted between 12,000 and 15,000 visitors per day, said Husameddin al-Madani, who oversaw the event. Most visitors to the festival were Saudi citizens, but it also drew foreign tourists.

Unlike Saudi Arabia's major cities — which have limited outdoor spaces for sports, especially for women who must wear long flowing robes known as abayas in public — Saudi women in al-Soudah wore fitted jeans and sneakers under their rolled up abayas to hike up the mountain. Other Saudi women were seen zip-lining between cliffs. In keeping with local custom, many kept their faces and hair covered.

The festival also had its share of glitz and glamour with concerts by Middle Eastern mega stars, including Emirati singer Ahlam and Iraqi singer Kazem al-Saher.

Amr Nabil/AP

**A Saudi woman poses on Aug. 23 wearing a colorful crown that is native to the village of Rijal Almaa during the al-Soudah festival in Abha, southwest Saudi Arabia.**

Alessandra Tarantino/AP

**Pope Francis leaves St. Peter's Square at the Vatican after his weekly general audience Wednesday. On Sunday he named 13 new cardinals.**

# Pope Francis names 13 new cardinals

By Frances D'Emilio
*Associated Press*

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis is giving the Catholic church 13 new cardinals, including two churchmen who have worked to help migrants and several others who toil in poor countries or nations where Christians are a minority.

Francis made the surprise announcement Sunday from his studio window overlooking St. Peter's Square.

Several of his picks come from developing countries, like Cuba, Congo and Guatemala. Two are based in predominantly Muslim countries: Morocco and Indonesia.

"Their provenance expresses the missionary vocation of the Church to continue to announce the merciful love of God to all men on Earth," the pope said before reading aloud a list of their names.

Three of the 13 men are 80 or older and thus ineligible to vote in any conclave to elect a new pontiff. Francis said he wanted to honor the three for distinguished service to the church, including a Lithuanian prelate who was sentenced to years in Soviet-era work camps and exiled to Siberia for his faith.

The ceremony to formally give the churchmen the red cardinal hat will be held on Oct. 5 at the Vatican.

With Francis' papacy heavily focused on the needs of those living on society's margins, including migrants, he chose two men whose clerical careers reflect such concerns.

One of them is Bologna Archbishop Matteo Zuppi, 63, an Italian who for some 30 years guided the Roman basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, whose doors literally have been opened to let the homeless sleep inside on cold winter nights.

The other is the Rev. Michael Czerny, a Jesuit like the pope, and named in 2016 by Francis to help lead a Vatican office concerned with refugees and migrants.

## 10 students injured in Chinese school attack

BEIJING — Chinese media say 10 students have been injured in an attack at an elementary school in central China.

The attack occurred about 8 a.m. Monday on the first day of the new semester in Enshi city in Hubei province. The wounded students were taken to a hospital.

Media reports say police are holding the suspect for investigation.

The motive of the attack was unclear, and no further details were immediately available.

## Berlin zoo celebrates birth of 2 panda cubs

BERLIN — A zoo in Berlin is celebrating the arrival of two panda cubs, the first time one of the rare mammals has given birth in Germany.

Zoo Berlin said Monday that mother Meng Meng gave birth to a hand-sized pink cub at 6:54 p.m. Saturday.

According to the zoo, mothering came naturally to the 6-year-old panda: "She placed the tiny creature gently on her belly and began to warm it lovingly with her big paws, warm breath and the soft fur of her cheeks."

An hour later, its twin was born.

Keepers confirmed last week that Meng Meng was pregnant. She had mated with 9-year-old partner Jiao Qing in April and was also artificially inseminated to increase the likelihood of pregnancy.

## Computer glitch in France delays flights

PARIS — A computer breakdown briefly disrupted all air traffic in France and caused a cascade of delayed flights in multiple countries Sunday, the last day of the European summer holidays.

Hundreds of flights were delayed at airports from Britain to Morocco and beyond. Hours after the problem with a French automatic flight plan system was fixed, schedules still lagged elsewhere.

A spokesman for French civil aviation authority DGAC said the cause of the morning breakdown was being investigated.

## Escaped cobra found in Germany after hunt

BERLIN — An escaped cobra that had eluded capture in western Germany for almost a week has been found.

Authorities in the city of Herne said Friday on Twitter that "the snake is being isolated. Further information will follow."

German broadcaster n-tv reported that municipal workers in Herne chanced upon the poisonous reptile as they were about to mow a nearby lawn.

The hunt for the cobra began Aug. 25 after it was spotted in the hallway of a house where a resident kept more than a dozen snakes.

From The Associated Press

BUSINESS/WEATHER

# DeVos issues new loan forgiveness rule

By Carole Feldman
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Betsy DeVos late Friday issued a new rule on loan forgiveness for students defrauded by their colleges, a rewrite of President Barack Obama-era regulations that advocates say will make it tougher for students to get relief.

DeVos said schools must be held accountable, but the Obama rule wasn't working. The new rule, she said, will "treat students and taxpayers fairly."

Loans issued on July 1, 2020, or later would be affected by the new rule. The department estimates it will result in a net savings of $11.1 billion over 10 years of loans.

DeVos' rewrite of the so-called borrower defense to repayment rule is the latest in the Trump administration's campaign to scale back Obama-era regulations targeting for-profit colleges. It also rescinded a 2014 gainful employment rule that aimed to cut off federal funding to programs that consistently left graduates with high student debt that they would be unable to pay off.

"With this policy overhaul, Secretary DeVos has cemented her legacy as best friend to predatory colleges and enemy to the students they rip off," Yan Cao, a fellow at The Century Fund, said in a statement.

The 2016 borrower defense rule was put into place after the closure of Corinthian Colleges, which left thousands of students with student loan debt and nothing to show for it. DeVos froze the rule while it was being rewritten, but a federal judge ruled that the delay was unlawful.

"There is no place for fraud in higher education, and it will not be tolerated by this administration," DeVos said.

But James Kvaal, president of The Institute for College Access and Success, said the new rule will make it more difficult for students defrauded by their schools to get relief.

Students, he said, would be required "to submit evidence that students do not have and cannot get" and file their claims as individuals rather than as part of a group that was defrauded.

There also would be a three-year limitation on filing a claim, either from the date of a student's graduation or the school's closure.

"That will weed out about 30 percent of claims that would otherwise prevail," Kvaal said, citing the department's own estimates.

"By leaving students on the hook for colleges' illegal actions, today's rule sends a clear message that there will be little or no consequences for returning to the misrepresentations and deceptions that characterized the for-profit college boom," he said.

Career Education Colleges and Universities, which represents dozens of for-profit colleges, supports the rewrite, said Michael Dakduk, the organization's executive vice president. "We think it provides fairness and due process to all parties involved," he said.

Dakduk pointed to the rule's provisions encouraging schools facing closure to shut down only after "teach-outs" designed to enable students to complete their programs. "We certainly appreciated how the department is prioritizing school completion," he said.

Students would be able to choose between participating in the teach-out or filing a closed-school claim with the department.

Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP

**Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, shown testifying on Capitol Hill in Washington in April, has issued a new rule altering Obama-era regulations granting loan forgiveness for defrauded students.**

> **'There is no place for fraud in higher education, and it will not be tolerated by this administration.'**
> **Betsy DeVos**
> secretary of the Department of Education

## EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates | |
|---|---|
| Euro costs (Sept. 3) | $1.1329 |
| Dollar buys (Sept. 3) | €0.8827 |
| British pound (Sept. 3) | $1.25 |
| Japanese yen (Sept. 3) | 103.00 |
| South Korean won (Sept. 3) | 1,179.00 |
| **Commercial rates** | |
| Bahrain (Dinar) | 0.3770 |
| British pound | $1.2066 |
| Canada (Dollar) | 1.3338 |
| China (Yuan) | 7.1713 |
| Denmark (Krone) | 6.7988 |
| Egypt (Pound) | 16.5810 |
| Euro | $1.0969/0.9117 |
| Hong Kong (Dollar) | 7.8428 |
| Hungary (Forint) | 302.16 |
| Israel (Shekel) | 3.5407 |
| Japan (Yen) | 106.33 |
| Kuwait (Dinar) | 0.3043 |
| Norway (Krone) | 9.1165 |
| Philippines (Peso) | 52.14 |
| Poland (Zloty) | 3.98 |
| Saudi Arabia (Riyal) | 3.7495 |
| Singapore (Dollar) | 1.3908 |
| South Korea (Won) | 1,212.67 |
| Switzerland (Franc) | 0.9913 |
| Thailand (Baht) | 30.64 |
| Turkey (Lira) | 5.8106 |

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

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| Prime rate | 5.25 |
| Discount rate | 2.75 |
| Federal funds market rate | 2.12 |
| 3-month bill | 1.94 |
| 30-year bond | 1.97 |

# American Airlines delays expected date of Boeing Max return

*Associated Press*

American Airlines says it is delaying the expected return date for its Boeing 737 Max jets.

The airline said Sunday that while it "remains confident" that coming software updates and training will mean recertification of the aircraft this year, it is extending cancellations for Max flights through Dec. 3.

The airline said that means about 140 flights per day will be canceled through Dec. 3.

Not all flights scheduled on the Max will be canceled, though. The airline said it will use other aircraft for some of the flights.

But some flights not scheduled on the Max jets may also be canceled.

United Airlines had also delayed the Max return date through Dec. 19.

Max jets have been grounded since March after two accidents that killed a total of 346 people.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

### TUESDAY IN EUROPE

### WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Zoo getting 2 more western lowland gorillas

OH POWELL — A zoo in Ohio says two more western lowland gorillas will soon join its blended gorilla family.

The Columbus Dispatch reported 4½-year-old Sulaiman and his mother, Shalia, 17, will be arriving at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium this fall from the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Columbus Zoo officials said Sulaiman, nicknamed Sully, is a half-sibling of nearly 2-year-old Zahra. Zahra was transferred to the Columbus facility last year after her parents died from gastrointestinal infections likely caused by a water supply infected with E. coli bacteria.

Sully and Zahra have the same father.

## Police: Man put razors in bait for wildlife

MA FALMOUTH — A Massachusetts man who police allege stuck razor blades in peanut butter he smeared on a tree in a public park to attract wildlife is facing animal cruelty charges.

Authorities said Brian McGrath, 65, of Falmouth, was arrested Saturday following a joint investigation by town and state environmental police.

Police started investigating after receiving a tip about the blades at Goodwill Park.

Officers also captured evidence of squirrels in contact with a razor while feeding.

McGrath is charged with animal cruelty, reckless behavior, and wanton injuries to trees.

## 2 men injured by bull that escaped pasture

ME MADISON — A Maine sheriff's department said a 57-year-old man and his 83-year-old father-in-law were injured by a bull that escaped an enclosure in Madison and gored them.

WMTW-TV reported that Ronald McEwen and his father-in-law, Robert Neal, both suffered serious gore wounds in the Friday attack. The men were trying to capture the bull after it got loose at McEwen's farm on Horsetail Hill Road in Madison when it charged them.

Police said McEwen shot and killed the bull before it could cause further injury.

Neal was being treated for serious wounds to his arm and leg. McEwen was gored in the face and leg.

## Fraternity suspended 10-15 years for hazing

OH OXFORD — Miami University is suspending a fraternity for 10 to 15 years after a student reported being hazed by members who beat him with a spiked paddle, kicked him and forced him to drink a lot of alcohol.

Miami already had suspended Delta Tau Delta last March while investigating violations of the university's conduct code. The fraternity unsuccessfully appealed the findings.

It is suspended until 2034, but can petition for an earlier return in 2029.

RUSS DILLINGHAM, THE (LEWISTON, MAINE) SUN JOURNAL/AP

## Maine attraction

**Shaad Masood, left, of Lewiston, Maine, dances with his daughter, Eidie, and wife, Andrea, at Dufresne Plaza in Lewiston during Friday night's Art Walk Lewiston Auburn. The sculpture in the foreground is by Maureen Andrew, of Greene, Maine, who makes a statement with her artwork by highlighting how much plastic we use and hopes people will use less of it.**

## Flyer denies 'Sasquatch' cause for bridge closure

VT BRADFORD — An anonymous flyer denying that Bigfoot is behind the prolonged closure of a bridge in a Vermont town has got locals talking about the mythical forest creatures.

The flyer first spotted at the Bradford post office said the prolonged closure of the Creamery Bridge over the Waits River was not due to the "displacement of or intrusion on a 'Sasquatch' or Bigfoot, either a single creature or several."

Dartmouth College professor Alexander Chee posted a photo of the flyer to Twitter last month. Since then, copies have been popping up across town.

Local resident Claudia Johnson told MyNBC5 she thinks there's a local Bigfoot because she's heard unexplained rustling behind her home.

THE CENSUS

**$1.6K**

**The amount a Minnesota girl raised selling lemonade to buy protective vests for police dogs.** Josie Larson, 10, of Monticello, gave the Wright County Sheriff's Office $1,500 on Friday for the bulletproof vests. She used the rest of the funds to buy toys for the dogs.

## Mother, deputy indicted over filmed child sex act

LA ST. GABRIEL — A grand jury has indicted a Louisiana woman who's accused of performing a sex act on her 1-year-old son, as well as the sheriff's deputy accused of filming it.

The Advocate reported the mother had told investigators that Iberville Parish Sheriff's Deputy Shaderick Jones coerced her into performing the act on her son in exchange for not arresting her for an open traffic ticket warrant.

A grand jury indicted the two Aug. 26 on charges of rape, aggravated crimes against nature and distributing child pornography.

Jones was also charged with malfeasance-in-office after prosecutors argued he leveraged his authority as an officer.

## Whitewater rafter thrown into river dies

PA OHIOPYLE — Authorities said a man on a whitewater rafting trip was thrown into a western Pennsylvania river and died after his foot apparently became trapped under a rock.

Ohiopyle State Park operations manager Ken Bisbee told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette the man was part of an eight-member group that had rented two rafts from White Water Adventurers on Saturday.

Bisbee said the county 911 emergency center contacted the park about 1 p.m. Saturday about a raft that had overturned at River's End Rapid on the Youghiogheny River.

He said the man had apparently put a foot down on the river bottom, something rafters are typically warned against doing if they are thrown into the water.

## Man is shot after confrontation at party

UT TAYLORSVILLE — Authorities in Taylorsville said a man was hospitalized in serious condition after being shot during a confrontation with neighbors.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that the man was kicked out of a child's birthday party Saturday night for being intoxicated and allegedly carrying a gun.

Unified Police have not released the suspect's name.

They said the party's host asked the man to leave and he did not.

The man reportedly pointed his gun at some neighbors. Police said an armed neighbor then shot the man.

From wire reports

# FACES

VENICE FILM FESTIVAL

## 'Joker' prep serious business

### Actor Phoenix says he wants iconic villain with chilling laugh to remain a mystery

By Lindsey Bahr
*Associated Press*

Joaquin Phoenix is having a hard time defining the Joker, but then again, he doesn't really want to.

The actor spent eight months exploring how a struggling stand-up comedian named Arthur Fleck becomes Batman's antagonist, the villain with a chilling laugh and a love of chaos. Preparing for the role involved losing quite a bit of weight, studying personality disorders and practicing the laugh over and over again.

"(It's) very difficult to distill into a soundbite," Phoenix said Aug. 31 at the world premiere of "Joker" at the Venice International Film Festival. The film is competing for the Golden Lion award at the prestigious festival before launching in theaters on Oct. 4.

The extreme weight loss — reportedly over 50 pounds — led to a kind of madness that helped him get ready for the role, as did a book breaking down the personality types of political assassins. But Phoenix wanted to create a criminal psychopath who wasn't easy to categorize.

"I didn't want a psychologist to be able to identify what kind of person he was," he said. "(I) wanted there to remain a mystery about the character."

And he was so nervous about getting the laugh right that he asked writer-director Todd Phillips to come to his place so he could "audition" a few, which apparently went on for an uncomfortable amount of time.

The character constantly evolved, even into the shoot.

"We were discovering new aspects about his personality up to the very last day," Phoenix said.

The movie itself is a massive departure from the current mode of DC Comics films from Warner Bros, like "Wonder Woman" and "Justice League." It's not bound by the comics or informed by past portrayals ("This joker's goal was not to watch the world burn," Phillips said) but strives to be something entirely new.

Set in the late 1970s and early 1980s, with New York playing Gotham City, Phillips' R-rated "Joker" is bounded by gritty realism. It's led to some early concerns about the violence that audiences can expect from the film.

Phillips said there isn't that much and they were "very careful" with how violence was used in the film.

"A lot of people think it is going to be a really violent movie," Phillips said. "Why it might affect you is we tried to paint it with as realistic brush as possible so when it comes it can feel like a punch in the stomach."

**Actor Joaquin Phoenix's film "Joker" premieres in Venice before its worldwide release Oct. 4.**

Joel C Ryan, Invision/AP

## Film fest focus on Polanski's new film, not old crime

*Associated Press*

Roman Polanski is not at the Venice International Film Festival, but his new film, "An Officer and a Spy," is.

Yet, after much hand-wringing over its inclusion among the films in competition for the Golden Lion award, journalists at a news conference Aug. 30 focused on the film itself, a true story about the wrongful persecution of French officer Alfred Dreyfus in 1894, and not the director's past.

Polanski fled the U.S. after pleading guilty to unlawful sex with a 13-year-old girl and has been a fugitive for more than 40 years. Although he continued making films with prominent actors and his 2002 film "The Pianist" won multiple Oscars, Hollywood's acceptance of Polanski has waned in the #MeToo era. He was even expelled from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 2018, after 50 years of membership.

The audience at the first screening of "An Officer and a Spy" applauded enthusiastically, as did many reporters at the news conference when the producers and cast, including actress Emmanuelle Seigner, who has been married to Polanski since 1989, walked into the room.

"Obviously you know Roman Polanski is not here," said producer Luca Barbareschi at the outset. "We will answer only for as much as we know for the production, acting and ... leave aside any polemic which is not important."

He added that this is a film festival, "not a moral trial."

It's the same message that festival director Alberto Barbera has stated time and time again since announcing that the film would be premiering at the 76th edition of the festival.

Barbera has been asked many times about including a film from Polanski and has stood by its artistic merit.

"I am convinced that we have to distinguish between the artist and the man," Barbera said Aug. 28. "The history of art is full of artists who committed crimes of different nature, of a different seriousness. Nevertheless, we have continued to consider and to admire in many cases their works of art."

Polanski's producers, cast and composer were spared a similar line of inquiry.

Instead, they stuck to talking about the film, its themes of persecution, anti-Semitism and its message of tolerance triumphing over ignorance. The actors also praised Polanski in spite of his sometimes harsh and demanding style of directing.

Jean Dujardin stars in "An Officer and a Spy" as Georges Picquart, who, after being promoted to lead a counterespionage unit, starts to question the evidence behind the demotion and imprisonment of the Jewish French army Captain Alfred Dreyfus (Louis Garrel), accused of being an informant to the Germans.

Producer Alain Goldman touted the power of film to remind the next generation of the mistakes of the past. "Film is a way of combating ignorance," Goldman said.

### Filmmaker Nate Parker apologizes for being 'tone deaf'

Filmmaker Nate Parker, who three years ago came under scrutiny for a rape allegation from college, is apologizing for his response at the time.

Speaking Sunday at the Venice International Film Festival, Parker says he was tone deaf to things in the climate and that he's learned a lot in the three years since he said he was falsely accused.

He was acquitted in the case.

Parker has debuted a new film at the festival about police brutality called "American Skin." It's his follow-up to "The Birth of a Nation," which fizzled upon release after the rape allegation came to light in 2016.

Director Spike Lee is supporting "American Skin" and says that it is a masterpiece that needs to be seen.

## Sitcom standout Harper dies at 80

*From wire reports*

Valerie Harper, who scored guffaws, stole hearts and busted TV taboos as the brash, self-deprecating Rhoda Morgenstern on back-to-back hit sitcoms in the 1970s, died Aug. 30. She was 80.

Harper, who had been battling cancer for years, was a breakout star on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," then the lead of her own series, "Rhoda."

She won three consecutive Emmys (1971-73) as supporting actress on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and another for outstanding lead actress for "Rhoda," which ran from 1974-78. Beyond awards, she was immortalized — and typecast — for playing one of television's most beloved characters, a best friend the equal of Ethel Mertz and Ed Norton in TV's sidekick pantheon.

In 2013, she first revealed that she had been diagnosed with brain cancer and had been told by her doctors she had as little as three months to live.

In recent years, Harper's other appearances included "American Dad!", "The Simpsons" and "Two Broke Girls."

### Box office ends summer 2% behind 2018

Hollywood's summer season came to a close Sunday with a whimper, as the Gerard Butler action thriller "Angel Has Fallen" topped the box office for the second weekend and ticket sales on the season finished 2% behind last year.

The Labor Day weekend is traditionally a quiet one for movie theaters. No major releases entered the marketplace, allowing the third installment in the "Fallen" series to stay on top with an estimated $11.6 million. It is expected to take in $14.5 million over the holiday weekend.

At No. 2, "Good Boys" added $9.2 million in its third weekend (with $11.6 million projected through Monday) for a cumulative $56.2 million.

In third place, Disney's "The Lion King" added $6.7 million (with $9.2 million expected through the holiday).

The Walt Disney Co. accounted for about half of all ticket sales in U.S. and Canada theaters.

Factoring in inflation and higher ticket prices, not since 1992 have fewer summer tickets been sold.

### Other news

■ Actor-comedian **Kevin Hart** was injured early Sunday in a car crash near Malibu, Calif. Hart and the driver, 28-year-old Jared Black, both suffered "major back injuries" and were taken to hospitals. A police report says the driver was not under the influence of alcohol.

■ British singer-songwriter **Ellie Goulding** married art dealer Caspar Jopling in Yorkshire, England, in a lavish ceremony Aug. 31 with pals Katy Perry, Orlando Bloom and Sienna Miller in attendance.

SHIFTING GEARS

Lincoln photos

# Lincoln Aviator is an all-American land yacht

BY HENRY PAYNE
*The Detroit News*

DETROIT

Another year is in the books for the Woodward Dream Cruise, the Motor City's cavalcade of automotive nostalgia, and it was a glorious indulgence of 1940-70 muscle cars and land yacht nostalgia.

For American muscle, the nostalgia is sweet because Detroit continues to lead into the 21st century with updated versions of the Corvette, Camaro, Challenger and Mustang.

But land yachts have always left me wistful because U.S. luxury makers surrendered their crowns decades ago. Cadillac Brougham tail fins no longer slice through downtown traffic. Oldsmobile Ninety-Eights the length of oil tankers are gone. Huge Chrysler New Yorkers have sailed into the sunset. The boulevards today are ruled by sleek, athletic Germans.

But I'm happy to report there is hope.

The Lincoln Aviator SUV is here and is a welcome throwback to the future. Aviator is an unabashed embrace of all that once made American luxury great: design, size, power and comfort, updated for the 21st century.

Turbo-4s are for politically correct Euro-utes. The new Aviator swaggers into your rearview mirror with a standard 400-horsepower (best in class) twin-turbo V-6, and a rear-wheel drive based chassis, gaping chrome grille and an interior quieter than a public library and more wooded than an Upper Peninsula forest.

Where 1940s Lincoln Continental Cabriolets lowered a massive 292-cube V-12 into their engine room, the Aviator boasts a range-topping, twin-turbo V-6-powered Grand Touring model mated to an electric motor generating a stump-pulling 630 pound-feet of torque.

With its massive torque, the Grand Touring model came out of stoplights like a steam locomotive. Indeed, the hybrid's general character differed little from its standard little brother, except that it sucked the world's oil reserves through a smaller straw.

Flying low through the California wilderness, Aviator struck fear in slower traffic just like the chrome-caked grilles of Motor City yore. Of course, this being a Ford product, the grille these days looks more Bentley than Continental Cabriolet. Blue Oval designers have fallen in love with Brit designs of late. Fusions look like Astons, Mustangs like Mondeos, Explorers like Range Rovers — but it could be worse; they could look like a Lexus.

Besides, Lincoln is trying to inspire brand cred, so borrowing from gold-standard Bentley is shrewd.

Design is just one part of a long journey by Lincoln that has culminated in the Aviator. Like the brand-redefining Acura RDX that was the spawn of the Acura NSX supercar and two design concepts, the Aviator is the most important Lincoln this century. On its back it carries the hopes of a new Lincoln generation.

I like to call it "Baby Navigator" because the similarities to Lincoln's flagship are unmistakable: bling-tastic grille, tablet infotainment screen, luxurious graphics.

But the significance of Aviator is more than skin deep.

Along with the Ford Explorer, Aviator debuts a state-of-the-art rear-wheel drive-based architecture. The platform allowed Explorer to introduce the apex-carving ST model that I raved about in July. But Lincoln chief engineer John Davis makes clear that Aviator was the impetus for the new platform.

The longitudinal engine layout takes Lincoln back to its rear-wheel drive glory days when land yacht sedans ruled Woodward. This being the 21st century, of course, SUVs are the new land yachts. But rear-wheel drive brings luxury cred — just ask European hits like BMW and Rover.

Unlike the truck-based Navigator, the Aviator sits on a more athletic unibody made of aluminum and high-strength steel that can cut some rug on the dance floor. It's not as athletic as the lighter, tighter Cadillac XT6 I recently flogged — but the Aviator is a far more comprehensive vehicle. I love the Cadillac's design and handling, but it's just another ute in Caddy's lineup. The Aviator is Lincoln's masterpiece.

The Cadillac raids the GMC/Chevy toolbox for the workhorse 310-horse, 3.5-liter V-6. The Aviator starts with the aforementioned 400-horse twin-turbo V-6, and then goes to a different level with a hybrid asphalt pounder.

Inside, Aviator brings in the Vanderbilt's interior designers.

Ditching the old Lincoln's nice-if-dated vertical dash, Aviator's horizontal interior has more layers than a wedding cake. Acres of wood laid over stitched leather are set off by delicious color combos like mocha and ebony.

Class-leading 30-way adjustable thrones will massage you to jelly. Second-row seats are hardly second-class, with their own climate screen and available console island. Roomy third-row seats are accessed as easily as pulling a tab, and — with the rear rows folded — you can gaze up at the stars through the yawning panoramic roof.

Which reminds me of my biggest Aviator complaint, the lack of a wow standard feature. The panoramic roof isn't standard. Why not? It is on a $38,000 Acura RDX. Lincoln's answer is, you have to climb the price ladder to $60,000 before Audi or Volvo will offer you a 300-horse engine option.

At $52,000, Lincoln gives you 400 horses standard mated to a class-exclusive 10-speed tranny. It's good ol' American power at a good ol' American value.

Lincoln has its own personality again. Open the driver's door and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra welcomes you with a chime. Dealers provide red carpet, door-to-door service.

Will it work? Stay tuned. For this year's Dream Cruise, the 1993 Lincoln Mark VIII coupe qualified for its antique plates. When it debuted that year, the Mark VIII claimed dramatic proportions and a daring, wraparound interior. It died five years later.

Now comes Aviator. It's not a coupe. It's a three-row ute aimed at the meat of the market. Motor City luxury is back, baby.

## 2020 Lincoln Aviator

**Highs:** All-American value, power; good looks
**Lows:** Pricey hybrid; standard adaptive cruise, please
**Vehicle type:** Front-engine, rear- and all-wheel drive, six- or seven-passenger SUV
**Price:** Base price for standard V-6 model $52,195, including $1,095 destination charge ($83,540 Black Label AWD as tested); hybrid model $69,895 including $1,095 destination charge ($83,670 Grand Touring Hybrid AWD as tested)
**Powerplant:** Twin-turbo, 3.0-liter V-6; twin-turbo V-6 hybrid mated to DC electric motor/lithium-ion battery
**Power:** 400 horsepower, 415 pound-feet of torque (V-6); 494 horsepower, 630 pound-feet of torque (hybrid)
**Transmission:** 10-speed automatic
**Performance:** 0-60 mph, 5.3 seconds (V-6); maximum towing, 6,700 pounds (V-6)
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# OPINION

## A space service is essential to US primacy

By Namrata Goswami
*Special to The Washington Post*

After a long and confusing bureaucratic process, the U.S. Space Command finally launched last week. Though a "Space Command" may sound sleek and futuristic, the difficulty the administration is having in establishing the related Space Force does not bode well for America's future in the new space race. Policy incoherence regarding space will have serious consequences. A wrong vision could be detrimental to the future of the United States and the entire planet.

President Donald Trump has appeared enthusiastic about military space strategy since assuming office. He floated the idea of a Space Force in March 2018 and directed the Pentagon to establish one in June that year. But unlike immigration or crime, issues he returns to repeatedly, Trump has ceded the establishment of a separate Space Force as a new branch of the armed services to a raucous public debate.

That's a shame, because the new space service has a vital role to play. Thinking of space as air, just higher up, is a mistake. In the future, as styles of warfare emerge in this realm, the United States will need a distinct culture and expertise focused on this domain to maintain its military preeminence, guard itself against new kinds of attacks and develop the skills that will make possible future exploration.

An independent space service is essential to maintain U.S. primacy in space. A separate service will gather space professionals from their parent services to start a unique culture focused on the frontier, empowering them to think of space — including recruitment, training and subsequent promotions — on its own terms. Such a service is critical given the growing importance of space, not just from a national security perspective, but also to secure the growing industry of space commerce.

But the administration's quest to establish this service has been plagued by bureaucratic meddling and policy confusion — and it hasn't been confined to the White House. In May, the Senate Armed Services Committee approved legislation that would establish a separate military service for space standing alongside established services such as the Army and Navy. But in July, the House Armed Services Committee passed a decidedly more limited vision, establishing a Space Corps within the Department of the Air Force. That leaves both houses of Congress far apart on their sense of what the military's approach to space should be.

But if Congress is confused, lawmakers are at least trying to get something done. The Pentagon, tasked by Trump to work on a separate space service proposal, was against the establishment of a separate service from the beginning. Top leadership stifled a serious policy debate within the Air Force on how the service should be constituted, issuing a "gag order" on advocacy for a space order. The directive, which came in the form of an anodyne-sounding "restrictive public affairs guidance," prevented those within its ranks with the necessary military space expertise from weighing in publicly.

The result? Discussion of a subject with historical consequences was ceded to those, including late-night comedians, who neither understood how military space thinkers conceptualize space power nor possessed a historical sense of what a separate service would mean for space policy. Those Air Force officers who chose to speak up publicly about space were forced to retire.

Without healthy democratic debate, we are left with strategic incoherence regarding U.S. space strategy. This is an unfortunate reversal at a critical moment, muddying bipartisan legislation that President Barack Obama signed in 2015, which gave the Defense Department a vital role in securing the public's interest in space and protecting national security space assets. Now the United States appears at best reactive, and at worst unable or unwilling to understand that the space environment is changing. Space, according to dominant U.S. strategic thinking, is limited to a domain to be exploited for "winning a war that extends to space."

Countries such as China and Russia are changing their conceptions of the utility of outer space. Rather than treating space just as a military force multiplier providing satellite support to their major military services, these nations see space for its own merits. This includes the promise of a multitrillion-dollar economy that awaits those who develop the capacity to extract resources on the moon and asteroids. In 2015, China established its PLA Strategic Support Force as a separate service equal in grade to its army, navy, air force and rocket forces — and loyal solely to the Communist Party.

Trump may be afraid of falling behind China, but his trade wars pale in comparison with the ambition of President Xi Jinping's China space dream. If the Trump administration leaves space strategy in the hands of vested bureaucracies with little interest in understanding this radical new future, space may be less free, and the U.S. may be poorer and less free as a result.

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## History will remember how Trump handled Hong Kong

By Jackson Diehl
*The Washington Post*

While President Donald Trump plotted to annex Greenland, China's Xi Jinping — a serious man — spent August weighing a decision that could shape the future of his country, and its relations with the world, for years to come.

It has nothing to do with purchases of U.S. soybeans or other concessions to give Trump a face-saving way out of his self-defeating trade war with Beijing. For now, Xi appears inclined to sit back and watch Trump's mounting panic over the potential election year consequences of his folly.

Instead, Xi is considering whether to act on his regime's repeated threats to crush Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement by force. He has few other options to stop the mass demonstrations that have shaken the city this summer, which after 12 weeks are undiminished in strength. That's because he has no intention of meeting the protesters' demands for the resignation of Hong Kong's pro-Beijing executive and the staging of free elections. And he has something of a deadline. On Oct. 1, huge celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the founding of his Communist regime are planned on the mainland. Counterdemonstrations in Hong Kong could spoil the show and cause Xi a humiliating loss of face.

Xi's media and military commanders have been threatening intervention for weeks. They've tweeted propaganda videos of People's Liberation Army troops using machine guns against "rioters"; they've massed elements of the paramilitary People's Armed Police in the neighboring city of Shenzhen, where they've been carrying out exercises. Fresh soldiers were conspicuously rotated to the existing PLA garrison in Hong Kong last week.

The assumption among many Western analysts has been that Xi is hoping that the mere threat of force will cause the movement to retreat. So far, it hasn't. On Saturday, protesters again battled police in Hong Kong's streets after a planned march was banned. A week ago, more than 200,000 people formed human chains across the territory to reiterate the demand for direct elections. The week before that, an estimated 1.7 million — nearly a quarter of the population — turned out.

The regime has tried less conspicuous measures of force, such as dispatching gang members to beat up protesters and infiltrating marches with provocateurs. It has put pressure on Hong Kong businesses to discipline employees who join the marches. On Friday, it arrested several of the best-known opposition leaders. So far, nothing has worked.

Xi knows that the costs of intervention, or of an imposition by Hong Kong authorities of a state of emergency, would be large, which is why it hasn't already happened. In addition to destroying the "one country, two systems" model for Hong Kong — which Beijing still hopes to peddle to Taiwan — the economic price would be huge. Though Hong Kong represents only 3 percent of China's gross domestic product, some 60 percent of foreign investment in the mainland flows through the city, according to The Economist. Under U.S. law, the city is treated as a separate economic entity, allowing it to escape Trump's tariffs.

If an intervention were bloody, most or all of that could be lost. Yet Xi no doubt is listening to arguments such as that recently advanced by the Communist Global Times newspaper, which editorialized that China could more easily manage the economic and diplomatic consequences of a crackdown than it could 30 years ago, when the Tiananmen movement was shattered by tanks. "China is much stronger and more mature, and its ability to manage complex situations has been greatly enhanced," it said.

My guess is that the aftermath of a Hong Kong crackdown would be less like Tiananmen, which wiped out the student-led democracy movement, and more like Communist Poland after the suppression of the Solidarity trade union in 1981. As in Poland, Hong Kong's freedom movement is supported by the vast majority of the population. It cannot be stamped out — only forced to move underground. At some point, it likely would reemerge, especially if it had international support.

That, sadly, is the missing element in Xi's calculus. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter bluntly warned the Soviet Union against the military intervention in Poland that it was preparing, helping Solidarity survive for 16 months. After Moscow settled for the imposition of martial law by the Polish army, President Ronald Reagan imposed crippling sanctions and set up clandestine ratlines to help keep the movement alive.

As Xi has threatened Hong Kong, Trump repeatedly and publicly sympathized with him. Even under pressure from his advisers, the best he could do was muse that a crackdown would make it politically difficult for him to strike a trade deal. That's why, while the histories of this summer will not remember Greenland, they may record that Trump opened the way to the suppression of the most important freedom movement Communist China has known.

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# Looking at the news

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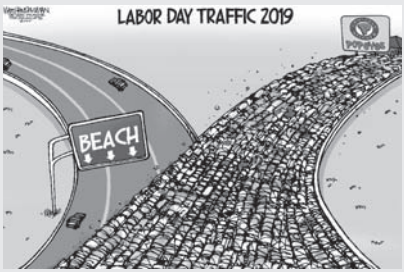


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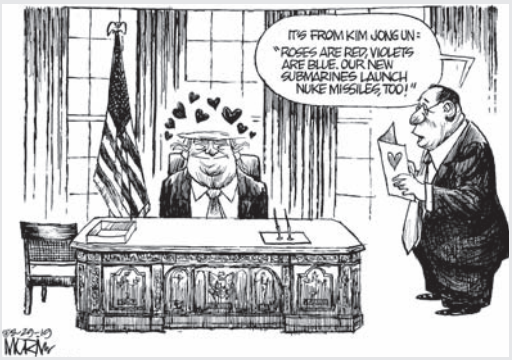


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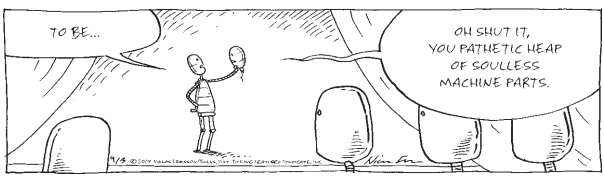


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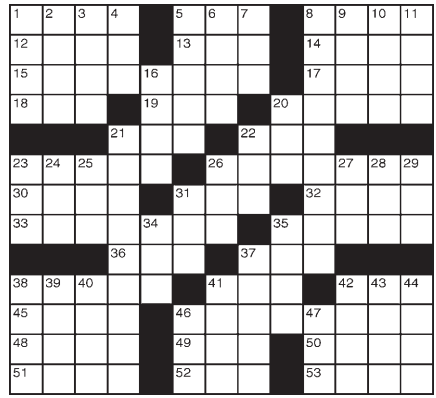

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## Pro soccer

### MLS

**Eastern Conference**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 15 | 8 | 6 | 51 | 54 | 42 |
| New York City FC | 14 | 5 | 8 | 50 | 51 | 34 |
| Atlanta | 15 | 10 | 3 | 48 | 47 | 33 |
| D.C. United | 11 | 10 | 9 | 42 | 39 | 38 |
| New York | 12 | 12 | 5 | 41 | 47 | 44 |
| New England | 10 | 9 | 9 | 39 | 41 | 47 |
| Toronto FC | 10 | 10 | 8 | 38 | 44 | 45 |
| Montreal | 11 | 15 | 4 | 37 | 42 | 56 |
| Orlando City | 9 | 13 | 7 | 34 | 35 | 39 |
| Chicago | 8 | 12 | 10 | 34 | 44 | 43 |
| Columbus | 8 | 15 | 7 | 31 | 33 | 44 |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 20 | 3 | 18 | 28 | 67 |

**Western Conference**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles FC | 19 | 4 | 5 | 62 | 74 | 30 |
| Seattle | 13 | 8 | 7 | 46 | 46 | 43 |
| Minnesota | 13 | 9 | 6 | 45 | 46 | 37 |
| San Jose | 13 | 10 | 5 | 44 | 48 | 43 |
| Real Salt Lake | 13 | 11 | 4 | 43 | 40 | 35 |
| FC Dallas | 12 | 10 | 7 | 43 | 47 | 38 |
| LA Galaxy | 13 | 12 | 3 | 42 | 41 | 45 |
| Portland | 12 | 11 | 4 | 40 | 43 | 40 |
| Sporting KC | 10 | 11 | 7 | 37 | 41 | 45 |
| Houston | 9 | 15 | 4 | 31 | 38 | 49 |
| Colorado | 8 | 14 | 6 | 30 | 45 | 54 |
| Vancouver | 6 | 15 | 9 | 27 | 30 | 53 |

**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

**Saturday's games**
Colorado 2, New York 0
Chicago 1, Columbus 1, tie
D.C. United 3, Montreal 0
Toronto FC 1, New England 1, tie
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 1
FC Dallas 3, Cincinnati 1
Sporting Kansas City 1, Houston 0
New York City FC 3, Vancouver 1
Portland 1, Real Salt Lake 0
San Jose 3, Orlando City 0

**Sunday's games**
Seattle 4, LA Galaxy 3
Minnesota 2, Los Angeles FC 0

**Saturday, September 7**
New England at New York City FC
Toronto FC at Cincinnati
Los Angeles FC at Orlando City
Seattle at Colorado
Sporting Kansas City at Portland

**Wednesday, September 11**
Toronto FC at New York City FC
Minnesota at Houston
LA Galaxy at Colorado
San Jose at Real Salt Lake

### Sunday
### Sounders 4, Galaxy 3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **LA Galaxy** | 0 | 3—3 |
| **Seattle** | 1 | 3—4 |

**First half**—1, Seattle, Ruidiaz, 11 (Lodeiro), 45th+3 minute.

**Second half**—2, Seattle, Roldan, 5, 55th; 3, Los Angeles Galaxy, Ibrahimovic, 23 (Lletget), 66th; 4, Los Angeles Galaxy, Antuna, 3 (Ibrahimovic), 75th; 5, Seattle, Morris, 8 (Ruidiaz), 77th; 6, Los Angeles Galaxy, Skjelvik, 1 (Polenta), 81st; 7, Seattle, Roldan, 6 (Smith), 89th.

**Goalies**—Los Angeles Galaxy, David Bingham, Matt Lampson; Seattle, Stefan Frei, Bryan Meredith.

**Yellow Cards**—Gonzalez, Los Angeles Galaxy, 6th; Arreaga, Seattle, 47th; Polenta, Los Angeles Galaxy, 62nd.

**A**—46,673.

### Minnesota United 2, LAFC 0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Minnesota** | 2 | 0—2 |
| **Los Angeles** | 0 | 0—0 |

**First half**—1, Minnesota Toye, 5, 25th minute; 2, Minnesota Toye, 6, 28th.

**Goalies**—Los Angeles, Pablo Sisniega; Minnesota, Vito Mannone.

**Yellow Cards**—Blessing, Los Angeles.

### NWSL

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portland | 10 | 3 | 6 | 36 | 39 | 22 |
| North Carolina | 9 | 4 | 4 | 31 | 32 | 17 |
| Chicago | 9 | 8 | 2 | 29 | 29 | 26 |
| Utah | 8 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 19 | 15 |
| Reign FC | 7 | 5 | 6 | 27 | 16 | 20 |
| Washington | 7 | 7 | 4 | 25 | 22 | 19 |
| Houston | 6 | 8 | 4 | 22 | 18 | 28 |
| Sky Blue FC | 4 | 11 | 4 | 16 | 15 | 25 |
| Orlando | 4 | 12 | 2 | 14 | 19 | 37 |

**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

**Saturday's game**
Washington at Orlando, ppd.

**Friday, Sept. 6**
Portland at Utah

**Saturday, Sept. 7**
North Carolina at Sky Blue FC
Orlando at Reign FC

## Deals

### Sunday's transactions

**BASEBALL**
**American League**

**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** — Reinstated RHP Shawn Armstrong from the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Branden Kline, LHP Tanner Scott and OF Dwight Smith, Jr. from Norfolk (IL).

**BOSTON RED SOX** — Reinstated LHP David Price from the 10-day IL. Selected the contracts of RHP Jhoulys Chacon C Juan Centeno and OF Gorkys Hernandez-from Pawtucket (IL). Recalled RHPs Travis Lakins, Hector Velazquez and Ryan Weber from Pawtucket. Transferred LHP Chris Sale and RHP Steven Wright to the 60-day IL. Assigned 1B Joey Curletta outright to Portland (EL).

**CHICAGO WHITE SOX** — Reinstated LHP Manny Banuelos from the 60-day IL and RHP Carson Fulmer from the 10-day IL.

**CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Reinstated RHPs Carlos Carrasco and Dan Otero from the 60-day IL. Purchased the contracts of RHP James Hoyt and INF Ryan Flaherty from Columbus (IL). Recalled C Eric Hasse from Columbus. Transferred LHPs Tyler Naquin and Tyler Olson and RHP A.J. Cole to the 60-day IL. Designated RHP Jon Edwards for assignment.

**DETROIT TIGERS** — Selected the contract of RHP Bryan Garcia from A Toledo (IL). Transferred OF JaCoby Jones to the 60-day IL. Recalled RHP John Schreiber from Toledo.

**HOUSTON ASTROS** — Reinstated RHP Josh James from the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Jose Urquidy from Round Rock (PCL). Placed RHP Collin McHugh on the 10-day IL.

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Recalled 1B Justin Bour, OF Michael Hermosillo, INF-OF Taylor Ward, 1B-LHP Jared Walsh and RHPs Jake Jewell and Luke Bard from Salt Lake (PCL). Selected the contract of LHP Adalberto Mejia from Salt Lake.

**MINNESOTA TWINS** — Placed RHP Kyle Gibson on the 10-day IL. Selected the contracts of RHP Brusdar Graterol and OF Ian Miller from Rochester (IL). Recalled LHPs Lewis Thorpe and Devin Smeltzer and RHPs Zack Littell and Kohl Stewart from Rochester. Reinstated C Willians Astudillo and OF LaMonte Wade Jr. from the 10-day IL. Transferred RHP Sean Poppen to the 60-day IL. Announced Pensacola (SL) pitching coach Cibney Bello will join the major league staff.

**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Recalled OF Clint Frazier and RHPs Ryan Dull and Chance Adams from Scranton-Wilkes Barre (IL). Signed LHP Tyler Lyons and selected him from Scranton-Wilkes Barre. Transferred RHP David Hale to the 60-day IL.

**OAKLAND ATHLETICS** — Recalled RHP Paul Blackburn and INF Franklin Barreto from Las Vegas (PCL). Selected C Sean Murphy from Las Vegas. Reinstated LHP Sean Manaea from the 60-day IL and DH Khris Davis from the paternity list. Designated INF Corban Joseph and RHP Tanner Anderson for assignment.

**SEATTLE MARINERS** — Reinstated RHPs Brandon Brennan, Austin Adams and Dan Altavilla, and OF Braden Bishop from the 10-day IL. Recalled INF-OF Ryan Court from Tacoma (PCL).

**TAMPA BAY RAYS** — Recalled RHP Peter Fairbanks, LHP Hoby Milner, INF Daniel Robertson, C Michael Perez and 1B Nate Lowe from Durham (IL).

**TEXAS RANGERS** — Recalled 1B Ronald Guzman and RHP Ian Gibaut from Nashville (PCL). Activated OF Nomar Mazara and RHP Adrian Sampson from the 10-day IL and LHP Jeffrey Springs and RHP Edinson Vasquez from the 60-day IL. Designated RHP Pedro Payano and LHP Locke St. John for assignment.

**TORONTO BLUE Jays** — Reinstated RHP Ryan Tepera from the 60-day IL. Recalled C Beau Taylor from Buffalo (IL). Designated RHP Neil Ramirez for assignment. Acquired RHPs Edisson Gonzalez and Curtis Taylor from Tampa Bay to complete an earlier trade.

**National League**

**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS** — Recalled RHPs Stefan Crichton and Jon Duplantier, LHP Robby Scott, C Caleb Joseph and INF Kevin Cron from Reno (PCL). Selected the contract of OF Abraham Almonte from Reno.

**ATLANTA BRAVES** — Reinstated C Brian McCann from the 10-day IL. Recalled INF Johan Camargo and RHPs Chad Sobotka and Jeremy Walker from Gwinnett (IL).

**CHICAGO CUBS** — Activated INF Daniel Descalso from the 10-day IL. Recalled OF Albert Almora Jr., UTL Robel Garcia, RHPs Alec Mills and Duane Underwood Jr., LHP Brad Wieck and C Taylor Davis from Iowa (PCL).

**CINCINNATI REDS** — Recalled RHPs Matt Bowman, Tyler Mahle and Sal Romano, LHP Wandy Peralta and INF Alex Blandino from Louisville (IL).

**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Reinstated RHPs Dylan Floro and Ross Stripling, and INF David Freese from the 10-day IL.

**MIAMI MARLINS** — Reinstated RHPs Jose Urela and Tayron Guerrero and INF Miguel Rojas from the 10-day IL.

**MILWAUKEE BREWERS** — Designated OF Troy Stokes Jr. and RHPs Jeremy Jeffress and Aaron Wilkerson for assignment. Reinstated RHP Jimmy Nelson and LHP Brent Suter from the 60-day IL. Selected the contract 1B-OF Tyler Austin from San Antonio (PCL). Recalled RHPs Jake Faria, Freddy Peralta and C David Freitas from San Antonio.

**NEW YORK METS** — Reinstated OF Brandon Nimmo from the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Tyler Bashlor and LHP Daniel Zamora from Syracuse (IL). Selected the contract of INF Sam Haggerty from Syracuse. Activated C Tomas Nido from the 7-day IL.

**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** — Selected the contracts of INF Phil Gosselin, C Deivy Grullon and RHP Nick Vincent from Lehigh Vally (IL). Recalled LHP Cole Irvin from Lehigh Valley.

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Reinstated RHP Clay Holmes from the 10-day IL.

**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS** — Activated OF Jose Martinez from the 10-day IL. Recalled C Andrew Knizner, 1B-OF Rangel Ravelo, LHP Genesis Cabrera and RHPs Junior Fernandez and Daniel Ponce de Leon from Memphis (PCL). Purchased the contracts of RHP Mike Mayers and C Joe Hudson from Memphis. Transferred OF Lane Thomas to the 60-day IL.

**SAN DIEGO PADRES** — Recalled OF Travis Jankowski from EL Paso (PCL) and RHP Javy Guerra from Amarillo (TL). Selected the contract of RHP David Bednar from El Paso. Transferred RHP Robert Stock to the 60-day IL.

**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS** — Recalled C Aramis Garcia, LHP Conner Menez, INF/OF Chris Shaw and RHP Burch Smith from Sacramento (PCL). Reinstated INF Pablo Sandoval from the 10-day IL.

**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Reinstated LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Austin Voth and 1B Ryan Zimmerman from the 10-day IL and RHP Jeremy Hellickson from the 60-day IL. Recalled C Raudy Read from Fresno (PCL) and INF Adrian Sanchez and OF Andrew Stevenson from Harrisburg (EL).

**FOOTBALL**
**National Football League**

**NFL** — Suspended Kansas City WR Anthony Thomas one game for violating league's policy and program on substances of abuse.

## Golf

### Cambia Portland Classic

**Sunday**
**At Columbia Edgewater Country Club**
**Portland, Ore.**
**Purse: $1.3 million**
**Yardage: 6,476; Par 72**
**Final**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Hannah Green, $195,000 | 64-63-73-67—267 | -21 |
| Yealimi Noh, $119,765 | 65-68-64-71—268 | -20 |
| B. Altomare, $86,881 | 69-65-68-69—271 | -17 |
| Nasa Hataoka, $60,653 | 66-71-70-66—273 | -15 |
| B.M. Henderson, $60,653 | 67-68-67-71—273 | -15 |
| S. Schmelzel, $44,260 | 72-62-69-71—274 | -14 |
| Jane Park, $34,753 | 65-70-74-66—275 | -13 |
| Marina Alex, $34,753 | 70-65-73-67—275 | -13 |
| Alena Sharp, $24,163 | 67-70-70-69—276 | -12 |
| Jeongeun Lee6, $24,163 | 66-68-72-70—276 | -12 |
| Sei Young Kim, $24,163 | 71-61-73-71—276 | -12 |
| S. Burnham, $24,163 | 69-66-69-72—276 | -12 |
| Peiyun Chien, $24,163 | 69-67-67-73—276 | -12 |
| Mi Jung Hur, $24,163 | 64-70-69-73—276 | -12 |
| A. Munoz, $17,180 | 69-70-71-67—277 | -11 |
| Su Oh, $17,180 | 70-67-72-68—277 | -11 |
| Lydia Ko, $17,180 | 67-70-72-68—277 | -11 |
| Jeong Eun Lee, $17,180 | 72-69-66-70—277 | -11 |
| D. Finkelstein, $17,180 | 66-69-68-74—277 | -11 |
| Jin Young Ko, $13,781 | 68-69-72-69—278 | -10 |
| Giulia Molinaro, $13,781 | 67-68-74-69—278 | -10 |
| Gerina Piller, $13,781 | 71-67-69-71—278 | -10 |
| Amy Yang, $13,781 | 74-66-66-72—278 | -10 |
| Wei-Ling Hsu, $13,781 | 66-69-71-72—278 | -10 |
| Sung H. Park, $13,781 | 67-65-73-73—278 | -10 |
| Anne van Dam, $11,377 | 70-69-74-66—279 | -9 |
| Tiffany Chan, $11,377 | 69-71-70-69—279 | -9 |
| Celine Boutier, $11,377 | 69-68-72-70—279 | -9 |
| Mi Hyang Lee, $11,377 | 68-71-68-72—279 | -9 |
| Elizabeth Szokol, $8,967 | 72-67-74-67—280 | -8 |
| Cydney Clanton, $8,967 | 69-72-70-69—280 | -8 |
| Austin Ernst, $8,967 | 68-71-72-69—280 | -8 |
| A. Jutanugarn, $8,967 | 70-68-71-71—280 | -8 |
| C. Thomas, $8,967 | 67-69-73-71—280 | -8 |
| Xiyu Lin, $8,967 | 67-68-73-72—280 | -8 |
| Isi Gabsa, $8,967 | 70-64-74-72—280 | -8 |
| Carlota Ciganda, $8,967 | 68-72-66-74—280 | -8 |

### Shaw Charity Classic

**Sunday**
**At Canyon Meadows G&CC**
**Calgary, Alberta**
**Purse: $2.35 million**
**Yardage: 7,086; Par 70**
**Final**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wes Short, Jr., $352,500 | 64-67-66—197 | -13 |
| Scott McCarron, $206,800 | 64-69-65—198 | -12 |
| Steve Flesch, $169,200 | 62-68-69—199 | -11 |
| Tom Gillis, $141,000 | 67-64-69—200 | -10 |
| Joe Durant, $97,133 | 67-68-66—201 | -9 |
| Billy Andrade, $97,133 | 64-69-68—201 | -9 |
| Tom Byrum, $97,133 | 63-69-69—201 | -9 |
| Ken Duke, $67,367 | 65-68-69—202 | -8 |
| Retief Goosen, $67,367 | 64-70-68—202 | -8 |
| Corey Pavin, $67,367 | 66-67-69—202 | -8 |
| Tim Petrovic, $56,400 | 64-69-70—203 | -7 |
| David McKenzie, $47,783 | 68-69-67—204 | -6 |
| Mark Brooks, $47,783 | 64-70-70—204 | -6 |
| Bernhard Langer, $47,783 | 68-66-70—204 | -6 |
| Woody Austin, $35,485 | 68-67-70—205 | -5 |
| Paul Broadhurst, $35,485 | 71-67-67—205 | -5 |
| Michael Campbell, $35,485 | 66-71-68—205 | -5 |
| Doug Garwood, $35,485 | 66-68-71—205 | -5 |
| Jeff Maggert, $35,485 | 67-70-68—205 | -5 |
| Rocco Mediate, $35,485 | 68-67-70—205 | -5 |
| Ken Tanigawa, $35,485 | 66-70-69—205 | -5 |
| Doug Barron, $23,634 | 66-72-68—206 | -4 |
| Jay Haas, $23,634 | 68-69-69—206 | -4 |
| John Huston, $23,634 | 66-71-69—206 | -4 |
| Mark O'Meara, $23,634 | 67-69-70—206 | -4 |
| Chris DiMarco, $23,634 | 68-68-70—206 | -4 |
| Lee Janzen, $23,634 | 69-67-70—206 | -4 |
| Scott Parel, $23,634 | 70-65-71—206 | -4 |
| Stephen Ames, $17,021 | 67-71-69—207 | -3 |
| C. Montgomerie, $17,021 | 67-71-69—207 | -3 |
| Jesper Parnevik, $17,021 | 69-68-70—207 | -3 |
| Paul Goydos, $17,021 | 69-67-71—207 | -3 |
| Brandt Jobe, $17,021 | 69-70-68—207 | -3 |
| Jerry Kelly, $17,021 | 74-66-67—207 | -3 |
| Vijay Singh, $17,021 | 68-69-70—207 | -3 |

## Auto racing

### Southern 500

**Sunday**
**At Darlington Raceway**
**Darlington, S.C.**
**Lap Length: 1.366 miles**
**(Pole number in parentheses)**

1. (15) Erik Jones, Toyota, 367.
2. (3) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 367.
3. (33) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 367.
4. (11) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 367.
5. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 367.
6. (13) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 367.
7. (4) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 367.
8. (19) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 367.
9. (17) Paul Menard, Ford, 367.
10. (14) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 367.
11. (5) Daniel Suarez, Ford, 367.
12. (12) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 367.
13. (10) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 366.
14. (7) Joey Logano, Ford, 366.
15. (22) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 366.
16. (6) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 366.
17. (30) Aric Almirola, Ford, 366.
18. (16) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 365.
19. (8) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 365.
20. (29) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 365.
21. (1) William Byron, Chevrolet, 365.
22. (20) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 365.
23. (24) Ryan Newman, Ford, 365.
24. (28) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 365.
25. (25) Landon Cassill(i), Chevrolet, 364.
26. (26) David Ragan, Ford, 363.
27. (32) Matt Tifft , Ford, 362.
28. (31) Ross Chastain(i), Chevrolet, 361.
29. (9) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 356.
30. (34) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 355.
31. (37) Joe Nemechek(i), Chevrolet, 354.
32. (35) JJ Yeley(i), Chevrolet, 352.
33. (21) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 351.
34. (39) Joey Gase(i), Toyota, 349.
35. (38) Garrett Smithley(i), Chevrolet, 344.
36. (27) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 330.
37. (18) Daniel Hemric , Chevrolet, Accident, 274.
38. (23) Michael McDowell, Ford, Accident, 274.
39. (36) BJ McLeod(i), Chevrolet, Accident, 194.

**Race Statistics**

**Average Speed of Race Winner:** 133.825 mph.
**Time of Race:** 3 Hrs, 44 Mins, 46 Secs.
Margin of Victory: 4.058 Seconds.
**Caution Flags:** 7 for 35 laps.
**Lead Changes:** 13 among 8 drivers.
**Lap Leaders:** W. Byron 0;B. Keselowski 1-19;K. Busch 20-69;C. Elliott 70-78;K. Busch 79-103;K. Larson 104-142;K. Busch 143-159;K. Busch 160-277;K. Larson 278-282;E. Jones 283-320;C. Bowyer 321;K. Busch 322-323;J. Johnson 324-326;E. Jones 327-367.
**Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led):** Kyle Busch 1 time for 118 laps; Kurt Busch 4 times for 94 laps; Erik Jones 2 times for 79 laps; Kyle Larson 2 times for 44 laps; Brad Keselowski 1 time for 19 laps; Chase Elliott 1 time for 9 laps; Jimmie Johnson 1 time for 3 laps; Clint Bowyer 1 time for 1 lap.

### Grand Prix of Portland

**Sunday**
**Portland International Raceway**
**Portland, Oregon**
**Lap length: 1.9 miles**
**(Start position in parentheses)**

1. (2) Will Power, Australia, 105 laps, Running
2. (5) Felix Rosenqvist, Sweden, 105 laps, Running
3. (7) Alexander Rossi, United States, 105 laps, Running
4. (1) Colton Herta, United States, 105 laps, Running
5. (13) Josef Newgarden, United States, 105 laps, Running
6. (10) Spencer Pigot, United States, 105 laps, Running
7. (18) Simon Pagenaud, France, 105 laps, Running
8. (21) Matheus Leist, Brazil, 105 laps, Running
9. (12) Sebastien Bourdais, France, 105 laps, Running
10. (22) Charlie Kimball, United States, 105 laps, Running
11. (20) Max Chilton, Britain, 104 laps, Running
12. (19) Tony Kanaan, Brazil, 104 laps, Running
13. (16) Marco Andretti, United States, 104 laps, Running
14. (23) Ed Jones, Britain, 104 laps, Running
15. (17) Takuma Sato, Japan, 103 laps, Running
16. (3) Scott Dixon, New Zealand, 102 laps, Running
17. (14) Santino Ferrucci, United States, 96 laps, Mechanical
18. (6) Ryan Hunter-Reay, United States, 81 laps, Contact
19. (4) Jack Harvey, Britain, 13 laps, Contact
20. (8) James Hinchcliffe, Canada, 0 laps, Contact
21. (9) Conor Daly, United States, 0 laps, Contact
22. (11) Zach Veach, United States, 0 laps, Contact
23. (15) Graham Rahal, United States, 0 laps, Contact

**Race Statistics**

**Average Speed of Race Winner:** 104.225 mph.
**Time of Race:** 01:58:43.0036.
**Margin of Victory:** 2.7885 seconds.
**Cautions:** 3 for 17 laps.
**Lead Changes:** 7 among 5 drivers.
**Lap Leaders:** Herta 1-36, Dixon 37-40, Rosenqvist 41, Bourdais 42-44, Dixon 45-51, Power 52-72, Rosenqvist 73-74, Power 75-105.
**Points:** Power 53, Rosenqvist 41, Rossi 35, Herta 34, Newgarden 30, Pigot 28, Pagenaud 26, Leist 24, Bourdais 23, Kimball 20, Chilton 19, Kanaan 18, Andretti 17, Jones 16, Dixon 15.

### Belgian Grand Prix

**Sunday**
**Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps**
**Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium**
**Lap length: 7 kilometres**
**(Start position in parentheses)**

1. (1) Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 1:49.044, 25 points.
2. (3) Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes, +00.981 seconds, 18.
3. (4) Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, +12.585, 15.
4. (2) Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, +26.422, 13.
5. (17) Alexander Albon, Thailand, Red Bull Racing Honda, +1:21.325, 10.
6. (7) Sergio Perez, Mexico, Racing Point BWT Mercedes, +1:24.448, 8.
7. (19) Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, +1:29.657, 6.
8. (12) Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, +1:46.639, 4.
9. (13) Pierre Gasly, France, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, +1:49.168, 2.
10. (16) Lance Stroll, Canada, Racing Point BWT Mercedes, +1:49.838, 1.
11. (11) Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren Renault, +1 lap.
12. (8) Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas Ferrari, +1 lap.
13. (9) Romain Grosjean, France, Haas Ferrari, +1 lap.
14. (10) Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Renault, +1 lap.
15. (14) George Russell, Great Britain, Williams Mercedes, +1 lap.
16. (6) Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Alfa Romeo Racing Ferrari, +1 lap.
17. (20) Robert Kubica, Poland, Williams Mercedes, +1 lap.
18. (18) Antonio Giovinazzi, Italy, Alfa Romeo Racing Ferrari, did not finish.
19. (15) Carlos Sainz Jr, Spain, McLaren Renault, did not finish.
20. (5) Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing Honda, did not finish.

**Driver Standings**

1. Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes, 250 points.
2. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 188.
3. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing Honda, 181.
4. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 156.
5. Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 132.

**Manufacturers Standings**

1. Mercedes, 438.
2. Ferrari, 288.
3. Red Bull Racing Honda, 244.

## Pro basketball

### WNBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Washington | 23 | 8 | .742 | — |
| x-Connecticut | 22 | 9 | .710 | 1 |
| x-Chicago | 19 | 13 | .594 | 4½ |
| Indiana | 11 | 21 | .344 | 12½ |
| New York | 9 | 22 | .290 | 14 |
| Atlanta | 7 | 24 | .226 | 16 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Las Vegas | 20 | 12 | .625 | — |
| x-Los Angeles | 19 | 12 | .613 | ½ |
| x-Minnesota | 17 | 15 | .531 | 3 |
| x-Seattle | 16 | 15 | .516 | 3½ |
| x-Phoenix | 15 | 16 | .484 | 4½ |
| Dallas | 10 | 21 | .323 | 9½ |

x-clinched playoff spot

**Saturday's games**
Washington at Dallas
Los Angeles at Las Vegas

**Sunday's games**
Phoenix at Chicago
Atlanta at Seattle
Indiana at Minnesota

**Monday's games**
No games scheduled

## AP sportlight

**Sept. 3**

**1975** — Eighteen-year-old Martina Navratilova defeats 33-year-old Margaret Court, competing in her 11th and final U.S. Open, 6-2, 6-4, in the women's quarterfinals.

**1977** — Ken Rosewall, two months shy of his 43rd birthday, is beaten by 24-year-old Jose Higueras, 6-4, 6-4. The in a best-of-three-set third-round match marks Rosewall's final U.S. Open singles match.

**1989** — Chris Evert defeats 15-year-old Monica Seles, 6-0, 6-2, for her 101st and final U.S. Open singles win.

**1994** — Terry Dean of Florida tosses an NCAA record-tying seven TD passes in the first half of the Gators' 70-21 victory over New Mexico State.

**1994** — Miami beats Georgia Southern 56-0, breaking an NCAA record with its 58th consecutive home victory. The Hurricanes surpass Alabama's record of 57 wins in a row at home set from 1962-82.

1995 — The Carolina Panthers lose to the **Atlanta** Falcons 23-20 in overtime in their first NFL game and the Jacksonville Jaguars lose their first game to the Houston Oilers 10-3.

AUTO RACING ROUNDUP

# Jones holds off Busch to win Southern 500

*Associated Press*

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Erik Jones used every bit of stamina he had at Darlington Raceway. Few know better than Jones the effort it took to hold off Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch and win the rain-delayed Southern 500.

"I'm mentally drained," he said with a smile. "I'm physically drained."

Jones took the lead from Kyle Larson 85 laps from the end and stayed in front of Busch the rest of the way to add a win at Darlington Raceway to his first NASCAR Cup Series win at Daytona in July 2018.

"It's pretty crazy, right," he said. "I'm not a hugely emotional guy, but to get a win here means a lot to me."

Some had wondered if the 23-year-old Jones was the soft spot in the JGR powerhouse as Busch, Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. had all won four times apiece this season while Jones' No. 20 was winless.

"Is there anything more to say?" Jones asked as the crowd cheered.

Not anymore. Jones' victory means all four of Joe Gibbs' drivers has taken the checkered flag and are locked into the NASCAR playoffs that start in two weeks.

"It takes a lot to beat them," Jones of his teammates. "Especially when you're racing the same equipment."

To have the win come at Darlington made it even more special for Jones.

"This is one of those races for me that has always held a special place. You think of NASCAR, you think of Darlington," he said.

RICHARD SHIRO/AP

**Erik Jones celebrates his NASCAR Cup Series victory on Sunday at Darlington Raceway. Jones held off Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch to win the rain-delayed Southern 500.**

Larson was second, his third top three finish at Darlington in the past four years. He led 497 laps during that stretch, including 44 in this one.

Busch, who started in the back after swapping out an engine after qualifying, got up to Jones' bumper near the end. But he brushed the wall on the next-to-last lap and ended third.

"We kind of lost control that pit stop where we came in the leader and came out third," Busch said. "I thought if we could keep in touch with (Jones and Larson), keep close to them, we might be able to outpit road them at the end of the race. We got by one of them, but not the other one. But overall, good day."

Busch clinched the regular-season points lead.

Jimmie Johnson made some headway on his quest for a 16th straight playoff appearance, but was hindered when he was caught up in a final stage crash that bumped him back to 16th at the Southern 500. Johnson trimmed his playoff deficit from 26 points to 18. Still, he'll likely need a win in Indianapolis next week to qualify for the postseason.

"We're running out of days and if we miss it, it's going to be by a few (points) I believe," Johnson said. "I can look back over the first half of the season and see a lot of races where we gave away a few points."

Denny Hamlin came in the hottest driver in NASCAR and left the Darlington weekend wondering what went wrong.

He was caught up in that final-stage accident and wound up 29th, his second-worst placing of the season. On Saturday, Hamlin crossed the line first in the Xfinity race, but was disqualified when his car failed post-race inspection.

## Power leads big day for Penske

PORTLAND, Ore. — Will Power won at Portland International Raceway on a strong day for Team Penske, while Josef Newgarden slightly tightened his grip on the IndyCar championship.

Newgarden started Sunday's race with a 38-point lead and had a trouble-free drive around the road course to finish fifth. Although he was two spots behind challenger Alexander Rossi, Newgarden goes to the season finale at Laguna Seca with a 41-point lead.

Newgarden is seeking his second title in three years.

His push might have been clouded if five-time and reigning series champion Scott Dixon did not lose power on pit lane. Dixon had command of the race when his car powered down during a routine stop. His crew had to push him to his stall and replace the battery, and Dixon went from leader to three laps off the pace in a moment. His title hopes — he was fourth among the four drivers mathematically eligible to win the championship — dashed.

Power moved into the lead after Dixon's issue and held on for his second victory in three races.

## Leclerc wins Belgian GP

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium — Charles Leclerc just held off Lewis Hamilton to win the Belgian Grand Prix from pole position on Sunday, securing the first victory of his Formula One career and ending Ferrari's long wait for a win.

Hamilton was within one second of Leclerc on the final lap, but the 21-year-old from Monaco held his nerve to cross the line just .981 seconds ahead of the five-time F1 champion.

MLB

# Verlander does it again

## Astros ace pitches 3rd career no-hitter in win over Jays

*Associated Press*

TORONTO — Justin Verlander took the mound for the ninth inning, fully aware of the no-hitters he finished — and his near misses, too.

Zeroed in, he wouldn't be denied this time.

Verlander pitched his third career no-hitter, punctuating a dominant season by striking out 14 to lead the Houston Astros past the Toronto Blue Jays 2-0 on Sunday.

Verlander became just the sixth pitcher to throw at least three no-hitters in the majors, an elite club that includes the likes of Nolan Ryan, Sandy Koufax and Cy Young.

"It means a lot," Verlander said. "I'd be lying if I said I didn't know that. I've come so close. Since I've had two, I think I've blown two in the ninth and another couple in the eighth."

"I was definitely aware of the history aspect of it. Definitely a big hurdle to get over and a very special moment for me," he said.

Verlander (17-5) is the first pitcher to throw two no-hitters as a visitor in the same park — he also threw one at Rogers Centre in 2011 with Detroit. His other no-no was in 2007 for the Tigers against Milwaukee.

"I guess I have to like this mound a lot now," Verlander joked.

Verlander allowed only one runner, with Cavan Biggio drawing a one-out walk in the first inning. The Blue Jays, with a lineup full of young, aggressive batters, never came close to a hit in the Astros' second no-hitter of the season — four Houston pitchers combined to blank Seattle a month ago.

The 36-year-old Verlander joined Ryan (seven), Koufax (four) and Young, Bob Feller and 1880s-era Larry Corcoran (three each) in rarefied air on the no-hitter list.

"Some of the guys I've idolized," Verlander said.

FRED THORNHILL, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

**Astros starter Justin Verlander is mobbed by teammates after pitching a no-hitter against the Blue Jays on Sunday in Toronto. The Astros won 2-0.**

## Roundup

# Phillies top Mets, avert 3-game sweep

*Associated Press*

PHILADELPHIA — Scott Kingery snapped an eighth-inning tie with a three-run double and Philadelphia beat New York 5-2 to avoid a three-game sweep.

Brad Miller hit a solo homer and a double for the Phillies, who pulled within 2½ games of the Chicago Cubs for the second NL wild card.

Pete Alonso hit his 43rd homer and Wilson Ramos extended his hitting streak to 25 consecutive games with a fourth-inning double for the Mets, who are four games behind the Cubs.

Daniel Zamora (0-1), who was just recalled from the minors, took the loss.

Hector Neris (3-5) got the final five outs for Philadelphia.

**Padres 8, Giants 4:** Ty France homered twice, Greg Garcia hit a leadoff drive and San Diego beat host San Francisco as Giants fans gave one more cheer for Pablo Sandoval.

Sandoval grounded out as a pinch-hitter in what could be his final game with the Giants. The 33-year-old former World Series MVP was activated off the injured list earlier in the day for a final at-bat under retiring manager Bruce Bochy.

Sandoval will undergo season-ending surgery on his right elbow Wednesday.

**Braves 5, White Sox 3:** Freddie Freeman homered twice off All-Star Lucas Giolito and drove in five runs, providing all the offense for host Atlanta against Chicago.

The Braves have won four straight are 12-2 since Aug. 16, moving 30 games over .500 for the first time since 2013. They have won a season-best nine straight home games to stay 5½ games ahead in the NL East.

MATT ROURKE/AP

**The Phillies' Scott Kingery runs for third base against the New York Mets on Sunday in Philadelphia. Kingery broke an eighth-inning tie with a three-run double and lift the Phillies to a 5-2 victory.**

**Red Sox 4, Angels 3:** Xander Bogaerts had three hits, including a homer, and three RBIs as the Boston beat host Los Angeles.

J.D. Martinez also went deep for the Red Sox, who went 6-2 on the trip and have won 11 of their last 15 to get within five games of the second AL wild card.

**Cardinals 4/3, Reds 3/5:** Nick Senzel and Phillip Ervin hit solo home runs, Luis Castillo pitched six effective innings and visiting Cincinnati beat St. Louis in the nightcap to split a doubleheader and end a four-game losing streak.

With the 4-3 win in the first game and the Chicago Cubs' 4-0 loss to Milwaukee, the Cardinals gained a half game in the NL Central to increase their division lead to three games. St. Louis has only lost two of its past 11 games and is 12-3 in its past 15.

**Twins 8, Tigers 3:** Jake Cave and Nelson Cruz each drove in two runs and visiting Minnesota beat Detroit.

The Twins increased their lead in the AL Central to 5½ games over Cleveland.

**Rays 8, Indians 2:** Charlie Morton earned his 14th win and Travis d'Arnaud had two RBIs off the bench as host Tampa Bay swept a critical series between postseason contenders.

Nate Lowe hit a two-run homer for the Rays, who moved a half-game ahead of Cleveland for the top AL wild card.

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**Brewers 4, Cubs 0:** Christian Yelich hit a three-run homer off Craig Kimbrel in the ninth inning, and Milwaukee shut out host Chicago for the second straight game.

The Brewers took two of three in the weekend series to pull within three games of Chicago for the second NL wild card.

**Nationals 9, Marlins 3:** Ryan Zimmerman celebrated his return from the injured list with one of host Washington's four home runs and the Nationals completed a series sweep of Miami.

**Yankees 5, Athletics 4:** Brett Gardner and pinch-hitter Mike Ford hit back-to-back homers off A's closer Liam Hendriks, and host New York rallied from four runs down and walked off for the second straight game.

**Mariners 11, Rangers 3:** Kyle Seager, Tom Murphy and Daniel Vogelbach hit home runs and visiting Seattle beat Texas.

**Pirates 6, Rockies 2:** Steven Brault hit his first major league homer and pitched effectively into the seventh inning to lead Pittsburgh over host Colorado for a four-game sweep.

**Dodgers 4, Diamondbacks 3 (11):** Cody Bellinger hit a tying homer in the ninth inning, pinch-hitter Joc Pederson went deep in the 11th and visiting Los Angeles prevented a four-game sweep with a win over Arizona.

**Royals 6, Orioles 4:** Adalberto Mondesi matched a career high with four hits and stole three bases to lead host Kansas City past Baltimore.

## Scoreboard

FROM PAGE 27

### Rays 8, Indians 2

| Cleveland | ab | r | h | bi | Tampa Bay | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lindor ss | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sogard 2b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Mercado cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Meadows rf | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Santana 1b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pham lf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Puig rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Choi 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Freeman 2b | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | d'Arnd ph-1b | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Reyes dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Wendle 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Bauers lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Adames ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Plawecki c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Kiermaier cf | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| b-Allen ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Lowe dh | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Haase c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Zunino c | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Chang 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| **Totals** | **32** | **2** | **6** | **2** | **Totals** | **35** | **8** | **14** | **8** |

**Cleveland** 010 000 010—2
**Tampa Bay** 100 210 13x—8

E—Santana (8). DP—Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 0. LOB—Cleveland 10, Tampa Bay 7. 2B—Bauers (16), Meadows 2 (25), d'Arnaud (12), Pham (27). HR—Lowe (6). SB—Wendle (5), Pham (17). SF—Bauers (3).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cleveland** | | | | | | |
| Plutko, L, 6-4 | 4⅓ | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| O.Perez | ⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hoyt | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Carrasco | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Otero | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| **Tampa Bay** | | | | | | |
| Morton, W, 14-6 | 5⅓ | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Milner, H, 1 | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fairbanks, H, 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kittredge | ⅔ | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Roe, H, 21 | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pinto | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

HBP—Morton (Mercado), Kittredge (Allen). T—3:01. A—14,922 (25,025).

### Pirates 6, Rockies 2

| Pittsburgh | ab | r | h | bi | Colorado | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frazier 2b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Story ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reynolds lf | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | Blackmn rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marte cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Arenado 3b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bell 1b | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | Desmond lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moran 3b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | McMahn 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Osuna rf | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Hampson cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Diaz c | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Valaika 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| E.Gonzlez ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Wolters c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Brault p | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Hoffman p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rodriguez p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Daza ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kela p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Tinoco p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cabrera ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pazos p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Musgrove pr | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Murphy ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vazquez p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Estevez p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | Diaz p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | Hilliard ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | **39** | **6** | **14** | **5** | **Totals** | **32** | **2** | **4** | **2** |

**Pittsburgh** 100 010 202—6
**Colorado** 000 001 100—2

E—Moran (12), Frazier (6), Arenado (9), McMahon 2 (14). DP—Pittsburgh 1, Colorado 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 9, Colorado 7. 2B—Moran (26). HR—Frazier (8), Brault (1), Arenado (35). SB—Hampson (7). S—Brault (6).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pittsburgh** | | | | | | |
| Brault W,4-3 | 6⅓ | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Rodriguez H,13 | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kela H,4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Vazquez | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| **Colorado** | | | | | | |
| Hoffman L,1-5 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Tinoco | 1⅓ | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Pazos | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Estevez | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Diaz | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

HBP—Vazquez (Wolters). WP—Vazquez. T—3:19. A—32,685 (50,398).

# MLB SCOREBOARD

## American League

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 90 | 48 | .652 | — |
| Tampa Bay | 80 | 58 | .580 | 10 |
| Boston | 74 | 63 | .540 | 15½ |
| Toronto | 55 | 83 | .399 | 35 |
| Baltimore | 45 | 91 | .331 | 44 |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Minnesota | 84 | 52 | .618 | — |
| Cleveland | 79 | 58 | .577 | 5½ |
| Chicago | 60 | 76 | .441 | 24 |
| Kansas City | 49 | 89 | .355 | 36 |
| Detroit | 40 | 94 | .299 | 43 |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| Houston | 89 | 49 | .645 | — |
| Oakland | 78 | 58 | .574 | 10 |
| Texas | 67 | 71 | .486 | 22 |
| Los Angeles | 65 | 73 | .471 | 24 |
| Seattle | 58 | 80 | .420 | 31 |

## National League

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 84 | 54 | .609 | — |
| Washington | 77 | 58 | .570 | 5½ |
| Philadelphia | 70 | 65 | .519 | 12½ |
| New York | 69 | 67 | .507 | 14 |
| Miami | 48 | 88 | .353 | 35 |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| St. Louis | 76 | 60 | .559 | — |
| Chicago | 73 | 63 | .537 | 3 |
| Milwaukee | 70 | 66 | .515 | 6 |
| Cincinnati | 64 | 73 | .467 | 12½ |
| Pittsburgh | 60 | 77 | .438 | 16½ |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| Los Angeles | 89 | 50 | .640 | — |
| Arizona | 70 | 67 | .511 | 18 |
| San Francisco | 66 | 70 | .485 | 21½ |
| San Diego | 64 | 72 | .471 | 23½ |
| Colorado | 59 | 79 | .428 | 29½ |

**Sunday's games**

N.Y. Yankees 5, Oakland 4
Houston 2, Toronto 0
Minnesota 8, Detroit 3
Tampa Bay 8, Cleveland 2
Kansas City 6, Baltimore 4
Seattle 11, Texas 3
Boston 4, L.A. Angels 3
Atlanta 5, Chicago White Sox 3
St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 3, 1st game
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 3, 2nd game
Washington 9, Miami 3
Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 0
Pittsburgh 6, Colorado 2
San Diego 8, San Francisco 4
L.A. Dodgers 4, Arizona 3, 11 innings
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 2

**Monday's games**

Texas at N.Y. Yankees
Baltimore at Tampa Bay
Minnesota at Detroit
Toronto at Atlanta
Seattle at Chicago Cubs
Houston at Milwaukee
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland
N.Y. Mets at Washington
Philadelphia at Cincinnati
San Francisco at St. Louis
San Diego at Arizona
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers

**Tuesday's games**

Baltimore (Means 10-9, TBA) at Tampa Bay TBA), 2
Texas (Jurado 7-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Paxton 11-6)
Chicago White Sox (Cease 3-7) at Cleveland (Clevinger 10-2)
Minnesota (Berríos 11-7) at Boston Porcello (12-10)
Toronto (Waguespack 4-2) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 4-5)
Houston (Greinke 14-4) at Milwaukee (Lyles 9-8)
Seattle (Hernández 1-4) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 11-9)
Detroit (Norris 3-11) at Kansas City (Montgomery 3-7)
L.A. Angels (Sandoval 0-1) at Oakland Roark (8-8)
Philadelphia (Velasquez 6-7) at Cincinnati Wood (1-3)
Miami (Alcantara 4-12) at Pittsburgh Keller (1-3)
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 8-8) at Washington Scherzer (9-5)
San Francisco (Rodríguez 5-7) at St. Louis Flaherty (8-7)
San Diego (Paddack 8-7) at Arizona Kelly (9-13)
Colorado (González 0-6) at L.A. Dodgers Maeda (8-8)

## Sunday

## Royals 6, Orioles 4

| Baltimore | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberto 3b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mancini 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Santander rf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Nunez dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Villar 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Severino c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Stewart ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisco c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith Jr. lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilkerson cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Martin ss | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Peterson ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 34 | 4 | 8 | 4 |

| Kansas City | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Merrifield rf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Mondesi ss | 5 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Soler dh | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dozier 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Gordon lf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| O'Hearn 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Cthbrt ph-1b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Viloria c | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Phillips cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lopez 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 34 | 6 | 11 | 6 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Baltimore** | 102 | 001 | 000—4 |
| **Kansas City** | 300 | 000 | 21x—6 |

E—Dozier (8), Viloria (1). DP—Baltimore 1, Kansas City 2. LOB—Baltimore 5, Kansas City 9. 2B—Alberto (20), Santander (19), Dozier (25), Gordon (30). HR—Merrifield (16). SB—Mondesi 3 (34), Martin (8). SF—Nunez (3).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Baltimore** | | | | | | |
| Brooks | 4⅓ | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Bleier | 1⅔ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Castro H,7 | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fry L,1-7 BS,3-7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Armstrong | 1⅓ | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Kansas City** | | | | | | |
| Duffy | 6⅓ | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| McCarthy W,3-2 | 1⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kennedy S,25-28 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Fry pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. T—2:45. A—18,208 (37,903).

## Astros 2, Blue Jays 0

| Houston | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Altuve 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Brantley lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bregman ss | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Alvarez dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Diaz 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Toro 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Reddick rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chirinos c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marisnick cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sprngr ph-cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 32 | 2 | 5 | 2 |

| Toronto | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bichette ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Biggio 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grrero Jr. 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Smoak 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tellez dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grichuk cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McKinney rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drury lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McGuire c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Houston** | 000 | 000 | 002—2 |
| **Toronto** | 000 | 000 | 000—0 |

LOB—Houston 5, Toronto 1. 2B—Diaz (7), Bregman (31). HR—Toro (2).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Houston** | | | | | | |
| Verlander W,17-5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| **Toronto** | | | | | | |
| Font | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Gaviglio | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Godley | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Giles L,2-3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |

HBP—Godley (Diaz). T—2:29. A—24,104 (53,506).

## Yankees 5, Athletics 4

| Oakland | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Semien ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M.Chpmn 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Olson 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Canha cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Davis dh | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Pinder rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grssmn ph-rf | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Profar lf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Brown lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neuse 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Phegley c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Totals** | 29 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

| New York | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LeMahieu 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Judge rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Torres 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sanchez c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gregorius ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Voit 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gardner cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Frazier dh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ford ph-dh | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Tauchmn lf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 28 | 5 | 6 | 5 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Oakland** | 000 | 000 | 310—4 |
| **New York** | 000 | 000 | 032—5 |

DP—Oakland 1, New York 2. LOB—Oakland 5, New York 6. 2B—Davis (9), Neuse (1). HR—Olson (28), Gardner (19), Ford (10). SF—Torres (5).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Oakland** | | | | | | |
| Manaea | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Petit | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Diekman H,7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Trivino | ⅓ | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Hndrks L,4-2 BS,17-22 | ⅔ | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| **New York** | | | | | | |
| Happ | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Dull | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Adams | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Ottavino W,6-4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Diekman pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. T—3:17. A—42,860 (47,309).

## Twins 8, Tigers 3

| Minnesota | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kepler cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wade Jr rf | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Polanco ss | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Cruz dh | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Rosario lf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sano 3b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Arraez 2b | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Cave rf-cf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Buxton cf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Astudillo 1b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cron 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.Castro c | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Totals** | 39 | 8 | 12 | 8 |

| Detroit | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reyes rf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| W.Castro ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cabrera dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Rodrguez 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| H.Castro cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lugo 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dixon lf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Mercer 1b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| J.Rogers c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 34 | 3 | 8 | 3 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Minnesota** | 050 | 010 | 020—8 |
| **Detroit** | 010 | 010 | 100—3 |

DP—Minnesota 1, Detroit 0. LOB—Minnesota 9, Detroit 6. 2B—Arraez (12), Lugo (6), Dixon (19). HR—Mercer (7). SB—Reyes (4).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Minnesota** | | | | | | |
| Pineda W,11-5 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| Dyson | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Romo | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Graterol | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Detroit** | | | | | | |
| Turnbull L,3-14 | 4⅔ | 8 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| Cisnero | 1⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Schreiber | 1⅔ | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| McKay | 1⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

HBP—Turnbull (Astudillo), Schreiber (Astudillo). WP—Pineda(2), Graterol. T—3:07. A—13,776 (41,297).

## Braves 5, White Sox 3

| Chicago | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Garcia rf-lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anderson ss | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Abreu 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Moncada 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.McCann c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jimenez lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bummer p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sanchez 2b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Engel cf | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Giolito p | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Skole ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marshall p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Goins rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 31 | 3 | 5 | 3 |

| Atlanta | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Acuna Jr. rf | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Albies 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Freeman 1b | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Donldson 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| B.McCann c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Swanson ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ortega lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hamilton cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Teheran p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Camargo ph | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Jackson p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greene p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hchvrria ph | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Melancon p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 29 | 5 | 6 | 5 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Chicago** | 020 | 000 | 100—3 |
| **Atlanta** | 200 | 002 | 01x—5 |

DP—Chicago 1, Atlanta 0. LOB—Chicago 6, Atlanta 2. 2B—Anderson (26), Camargo (11). HR—Freeman 2 (38). SB—Acuna Jr. 2 (33).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chicago** | | | | | | |
| Giolito L,14-8 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Marshall | 1⅓ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bummer | ⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Atlanta** | | | | | | |
| Teheran W,9-8 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| Jackson H,8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Greene H,5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Melancon S,7-7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

WP—Jackson. T—3:08. A—41,397 (41,149).

## Dodgers 4, Diamondbacks 3

| Los Angeles | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pollock cf | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Freese 1b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Beaty ph-1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jansen p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.Kelly p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sadler p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pederson ph | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Baez p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Turner 3b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bellinger rf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Hrnndz lf-2b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taylor ss-lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gyorko 2b-1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Martin c | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Stripling p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kolarek p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Negron ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ferguson p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Floro p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Seager ph-ss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 41 | 4 | 9 | 4 |

| Arizona | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dyson cf | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Locastro rf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Marte 2b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Escobar 3b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Lamb 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Andriese p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chafin p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ginkel p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Almonte ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clarke p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rojas lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Ahmed ss | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Avila c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Young p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Crichton p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cron ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lopez p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McFarlnd p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walker 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 38 | 3 | 8 | 3 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Los Angeles** | 101 | 000 | 001—4 |
| **Arizona** | 000 | 300 | 000—3 |

DP—Los Angeles 3, Arizona 1. LOB—Los Angeles 4, Arizona 4. 2B—Pollock (12), Taylor (24), Ahmed (30). HR—Freese (10), Martin (5), Bellinger (43), Pederson (28).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Los Angeles** | | | | | | |
| Stripling | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| May | ⅓ | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Kolarek | ⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ferguson | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Floro | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Jansen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| J.Kelly | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sadler W,4-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Baez S,1-6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Arizona** | | | | | | |
| Young | 4⅓ | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Crichton | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lopez H,21 | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McFarland H,7 | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Andriese H,2 | 2⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Chafin BS,0-3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ginkel | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clarke L,4-5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Chafin pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. WP—Young. T—3:56. A—34,439 (48,519).

## Cardinals 4, Reds 3

**First game**

| Cincinnati | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| VanMeter lf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Votto 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Suarez 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Aquino rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Barnhart c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Galvis 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Senzel cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.Iglesias ss | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mahle p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stephnson p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dietrich ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Garrett p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lorenzen p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 31 | 3 | 5 | 3 |

| St. Louis | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edman 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Carpnter 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DeJng ph-ss | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Gldschidt 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ozuna lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.Mrtinez rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| O'Neill pr | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Molina c | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Bader cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Munoz ss-3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mikolas p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Helsley p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fowler ph | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| C.Mrtinez p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 30 | 4 | 6 | 3 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Cincinnati** | 003 | 000 | 000—3 |
| **St. Louis** | 010 | 000 | 111—4 |

E—Mahle (1), Garrett (1). LOB—Cincinnati 2, St. Louis 6. 2B—VanMeter (11), Galvis (3), Molina (20). HR—Suarez (40). SB—J.Martinez (3), Edman (10). SF—Votto (3), DeJong (6).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cincinnati** | | | | | | |
| Mahle | 6⅓ | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Stephenson H,7 | ⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Garrett | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Lorenzen L,0-4 BS,6-9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **St. Louis** | | | | | | |
| Mikolas | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Helsley | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| C.Martinez W,4-2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |

Garrett pitched to 2 batters in the 8th, Lorenzen pitched to 3 batters in the 9th. HBP—Mahle (J.Martinez). WP—Mahle. T—2:58. A—43,692 (45,538).

## Reds 5, Cardinals 3

**Second game**

| Cincinnati | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Senzel cf | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Votto 1b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Lorenzen pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| R.Iglesias p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suarez 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Farmer pr-3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VanMeter lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Gausman p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Barnhart ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blndio pr-3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Galvis 2b | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| J.Iglesias ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Casali c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ervin rf-lf | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Castillo p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aquino rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 34 | 5 | 7 | 5 |

| St. Louis | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fowler rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wong 2b | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| DeJong ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| O'Neill lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carpnter 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ravelo 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Edman ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bader cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Knizner c | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| P. de Leon p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Leone p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mayers p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.Mrtinez ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fernandz p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brebbia p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 32 | 3 | 6 | 3 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Cincinnati** | 011 | 021 | 000—5 |
| **St. Louis** | 003 | 000 | 000—3 |

E—Castillo (1), Knizner (1). DP—Cincinnati 1, St. Louis 1. LOB—Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 5. 2B—Ervin (8), Votto (26). 3B—Wong (3). HR—Senzel (12), Ervin (5), Knizner (2). SF—VanMeter (1).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cincinnati** | | | | | | |
| Castillo W,14-5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Gausman H,1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| R.Iglesias S,28-33 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| **St. Louis** | | | | | | |
| Ponce de Leon L,1-2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Leone | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Mayers | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Fernandez | 1⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Brebbia | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Ponce de Leon pitched to 3 batters in the 5th. HBP—Ponce de Leon (Suarez), Fernandez (Votto). T—3:04. A—38,665 (45,538).

## Mariners 11, Rangers 3

| Seattle | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Smith rf | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Lopes lf | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Seager 3b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Narvaez dh | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Murphy c | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Vogelbach 1b | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Nola 1b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moore ss | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Gordon 2b | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Bishop cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Totals** | 38 | 11 | 13 | 11 |

| Texas | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DeShields cf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Santana rf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Andrus ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Solak dh | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Odor 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Forsythe 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gzmn ph-1b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kin.-Flefa 3b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Heineman lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mathis c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mazara ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trevino c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 34 | 3 | 9 | 3 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Seattle** | 402 | 010 | 031—11 |
| **Texas** | 102 | 000 | 000— 3 |

DP—Seattle 2, Texas 2. LOB—Seattle 12, Texas 8. 2B—Lopes (4), Heineman (4), Odor (24). 3B—Solak (1). HR—Murphy (17), Vogelbach (29), Seager (19).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Seattle** | | | | | | |
| Kikuchi, W, 6-9 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Altavilla | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Adams | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Tuivailala | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Brennan | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| **Texas** | | | | | | |
| Martin, L, 1-3 | ⅔ | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Farrell | 2⅓ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Gibaut | 1⅔ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Springs | 1⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Volquez | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Guerrieri | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Sampson | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

HBP—Martin (Smith), Kikuchi (Solak), Gibaut (Moore), Guerrieri (Narvaez). WP—Kikuchi. T—3:39. A—22,116 (49,115).

## Padres 8, Giants 4

| San Diego | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| G.Garcia ss-2b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Martini lf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Perdomo p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Munoz p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Renfroe ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bednar p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Machado 3b | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Hosmer 1b | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Naylor rf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Margot cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Myers cf-rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Allen c | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| France 2b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Urias ss | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lauer p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jankowski rf | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 38 | 8 | 13 | 8 |

| San Francisco | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Solano 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Slater rf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Ystzski ph-rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pillar cf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Longoria 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Rickard lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vogt c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A.Garcia 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Belt ph-1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Crawford ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Samrdzija p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abad p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Menez p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Coonrod p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandval ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anderson p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 34 | 4 | 7 | 4 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **San Diego** | 210 | 004 | 001—8 |
| **San Francisco** | 200 | 002 | 000—4 |

DP—San Diego 0, San Francisco 2. LOB—San Diego 5, San Francisco 3. 2B—Martini (1), Hosmer (26), Myers (17), Machado (20). 3B—Hosmer (2). HR—G.Garcia (4), France 2 (4), Pillar (20), Longoria (18).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **San Diego** | | | | | | |
| Lauer W,8-8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 9 |
| Perdomo H,7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Munoz H,7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Bednar | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **San Francisco** | | | | | | |
| Samardzija L,9-11 | 5⅓ | 9 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| Abad | ⅔ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Menez | ⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Coonrod | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anderson | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |

T—3:02. A—38,701 (41,915).

## Brewers 4, Cubs 0

| Milwaukee | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grisham cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Grandal c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pina c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yelich rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Thames 1b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Guerra p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pomeranz p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Perez ph-3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gamel lf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Shaw 3b-1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spngnbrg 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Arcia ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Gonzalez p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Freitas ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moustkas ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Albers p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Claudio p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Austin 1b | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hader p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 34 | 4 | 7 | 4 |

| Chicago | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baez ss | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ryan p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Garcia ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wick p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kimbrel p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Strop p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Castllnos rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bryant 3b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Cartini 1b-c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Lucroy c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rizzo ph-1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Almora Jr. cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hywrd ph-cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rssell 2b-ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Happ lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Chatwood p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wieck p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schwrbr ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Phelps p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cishek p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kemp 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 29 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Milwaukee** | 000 | 100 | 003—4 |
| **Chicago** | 000 | 000 | 000—0 |

DP—Milwaukee 2, Chicago 0. LOB—Milwaukee 9, Chicago 9. HR—Yelich (42). SB—Baez (11), Bryant (3).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Milwaukee** | | | | | | |
| Gonzalez | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Jackson W,1-0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Albers | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Claudio H,21 | 1⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guerra H,18 | ⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Pomeranz H,6 | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Hader | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| **Chicago** | | | | | | |
| Chatwood L,5-3 | 3⅔ | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Wieck | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Phelps | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Cishek | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Ryan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Wick | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kimbrel | ⅔ | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Strop | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Albers pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. HBP—Albers (Rizzo), Claudio (Kemp), Hader (Happ). WP—Guerra. T—3:29. A—40,912 (41,649).

## Phillies 5, Mets 2

| New York | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| McNeil lf-3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alonso 1b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Conforto rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ramos c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Panik 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rosario ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Frazier 3b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| R.Davis pr-lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lagares cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nimmo ph-cf | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Stroman p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Avilan p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sewald p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guillorme ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zamora p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Familia p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 29 | 2 | 4 | 1 |

| Philadelphia | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dickerson lf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Realmuto c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harper rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hoskins 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Miller 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Rdriguez 3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hernndz 2b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kingery ss | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Haseley cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Eflin p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bruce ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Morin p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neris p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 32 | 5 | 9 | 5 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **New York** | 100 | 000 | 010—2 |
| **Philadelphia** | 020 | 000 | 03x—5 |

E—Stroman (1). DP—New York 0, Philadelphia 1. LOB—New York 4, Philadelphia 7. 2B—Ramos (14), Dickerson (7), Miller (2), Haseley (8), Kingery (31). HR—Alonso (43), Miller (5). S—Guillorme (1).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **New York** | | | | | | |
| Stroman | 6 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Avilan | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sewald | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zamora L,0-1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Familia | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| **Philadelphia** | | | | | | |
| Eflin | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Morin H,5 | ⅓ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Neris W,3-5 | 1⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

Stroman pitched to 1 batter in the 7th, Zamora pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. WP—Morin, Neris. T—2:52. A—33,492 (43,647).

## Nationals 9, Marlins 3

| Miami | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rojas ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ramirez rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cooper 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Castro 2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Prado 3b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Brinson cf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dean lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Holaday c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Smith p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kinley p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walker ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guerrero p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Urena p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 30 | 3 | 4 | 3 |

| Washington | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turner ss | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Robles cf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rendon 3b | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Soto lf | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Kendrick 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Zimmrmn 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Gomes c | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Parra rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corbin p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Read ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suero p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guerra p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stevnson ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Doolittle p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 34 | 9 | 9 | 8 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Miami** | 000 | 030 | 000—3 |
| **Washington** | 011 | 023 | 20x—9 |

E—Prado (2), Holaday (1), Rojas (9). DP—Miami 1, Washington 0. LOB—Miami 4, Washington 4. 2B—Dean (6), Soto 2 (26), Kendrick (22). HR—Castro (16), Rendon (32), Zimmerman (4), Gomes (7), Soto (31). SF—Holaday (1).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Miami** | | | | | | |
| Smith L,8-9 | 5⅓ | 7 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Kinley | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Guerrero | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Urena | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Washington** | | | | | | |
| Corbin W,11-6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Suero | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Guerra | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Doolittle | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

HBP—Smith (Robles). T—2:46. A—29,345 (41,313).

## Red Sox 4, Angels 3

| Boston | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Betts rf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Devers 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Bogaerts ss | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Martinez dh | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Travis 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrelnd ph-1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Benintendi lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vazquez c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Holt 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| G.Herndz cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brdly Jr. ph-cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 33 | 4 | 8 | 4 |

| Los Angeles | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fltchr 3b-2b | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Trout cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Goodwin lf | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Pujols 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Upton dh | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Calhoun rf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Simmons ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rengifo 2b | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Bour ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thaiss 3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stassi c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ohtani ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K.Smith c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 33 | 3 | 8 | 3 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Boston** | 103 | 000 | 000—4 |
| **Los Angeles** | 001 | 100 | 010—3 |

DP—Boston 1, Los Angeles 2. LOB—Boston 6, Los Angeles 9. 2B—Bogaerts (48), Goodwin (27), Pujols (18), Rengifo (18). HR—Bogaerts (31), Martinez (34), Upton (10). SB—Calhoun (4). SF—Stassi (2).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Boston** | | | | | | |
| Price | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Lakins | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Weber, W, 2-2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Velazquez, H, 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Barnes, H, 23 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Workman, S, 10-16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Los Angeles** | | | | | | |
| Heaney, L, 3-4 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Del Pozo | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Bard | 1⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mejia | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Robles | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

HBP—Workman (Trout). WP—Heaney(2). T—3:21. A—39,382 (45,050).

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# US OPEN/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SARAH STIER/AP

**Serena Williams falls while chasing a return to Petra Martic during the fourth round of the US Open on Sunday in New York. Williams recovered after rolling her right ankle, going on to win 6-3, 6-4.**

# Williams holds on after injury

## 6-time U.S. Open champ prevails over Martic despite rolling right ankle

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Serena Williams was in pain — "acceptable" pain, her coach called it — after rolling her right ankle during the second set of a U.S. Open victory.

That was the bad news.

The good news for Williams as she pursues a seventh championship at Flushing Meadows and 24th Grand Slam singles title overall is that, while she reached the quarterfinals by beating No. 22 seed Petra Martic 6-3, 6-4 despite the ankle issue, No. 2 Ash Barty and No. 3 Karolina Pliskova both exited her side of the bracket Sunday.

Not that Williams seemed to care all that much about being one of only three of the top 12 seeded women who will still be around Monday.

"I can't afford to look at it that way. Every single match I have played, people come and they play their best. The women that I play are not generally playing at this level against other players in the locker room, so for me, I have to be the greatest, whether it's against the second seed, the No. 1 seed, or the No. 80th player in the world," said Williams, who faces No. 18 Wang Qiang next. "I have to show up or else I'm going to go home."

Williams, who turns 38 this month, appeared to be cruising along to a straightforward victory when she took an awkward step while up at the net for a volley. She tumbled to the ground and sat there, cross-legged, right in the middle of Arthur Ashe Stadium for a few moments.

Williams has dealt with various health issues all season, including one that ended her stay at the Australian Open.

Still, Martic thought Williams' play might actually have improved the rest of the way.

"She started going for even more, I think. She felt like maybe she couldn't move that well anymore," Martic said. "Her shots were really precise. Serve was unbelievable."

Williams ended things by raising both arms after smacking an ace at 118 mph, her fastest of the afternoon, punctuating an overpowering performance that included 38 winners to Martic's 11.

"I didn't know what to expect from her ball. I knew she (hits it) hard," Martic said, "but until you feel it on your own racket, you just don't know what to expect."

Wang, who never had played in the fourth round at a major until Sunday, advanced by surprising French Open champion Barty 6-2, 6-4.

Pliskova, the 2016 U.S. Open runner-up, went home with a 6-7 (1), 6-3, 7-5 loss over nearly 2½ hours against 16th-seeded Johanna Konta of Britain.

This is the only Grand Slam tournament where Konta has yet to reach the semifinals; she'll now meet No. 5 Elina Svitolina of Ukraine, who got past 2017 runner-up Madison Keys of the U.S. 7-5, 6-4 Sunday night.

Defending champion and No. 1 seed Novak Djokovic's stay at the U.S. Open ended abruptly when he stopped playing during his fourth-round match against Stan Wawrinka because of pain in his left shoulder.

Djokovic was trailing 6-4, 7-5, 2-1 and being thoroughly outplayed when he retired from the match, shaking his head as he walked over to the chair umpire to say he was conceding.

"It's never the way you want to finish the match," said Wawrinka, who will face No. 5 seed Daniil Medvedev in the quarterfinals. "I feel sorry for Novak."

Djokovic, 32, had won 36 of his past 37 Grand Slam matches, and four of the last five major titles, in one of the most dominant stretches this sport has seen.

Wawrinka will face Daniil Medvedev. Reprising his trolling role at Louis Armstrong Stadium, the No. 5-seeded Russian again begged the crowd to boo him after he beat qualifier Dominik Koepfer 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (2).

"You give me so much energy to win. Thank you!" he said, similar to his interaction with jeering spectators after his third-round win. "You are the best!"

Earlier Sunday, Roger Federer dominating No. 15 seed David Goffin 6-2, 6-2, 6-0 in just 79 minutes. That's one fewer minute than it took him to put together a 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 win against Dan Evans in the previous round.

Federer next takes on Grigor Dimitrov, a two-time major semifinalist who is unseeded at Flushing Meadows. Federer is 7-0 against Dimitrov.

Currently coached by Andre Agassi and Radek Stepanek, Dimitrov eliminated Alex de Minaur 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 to reach his first U.S. Open quarterfinal.

"Given the history of me and Roger, how we've played the past years," Dimitrov said, "nothing (favors) me."

## Scoreboard

**Sunday**
**USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center**
**New York**
**(Seedings in parentheses)**
**Men's Singles**
**Fourth Round**

Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. David Goffin (15), Belgium, 6-2, 6-2, 6-0.

Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Alex de Minaur, Australia, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

Daniil Medvedev (5), Russia, def. Dominik Koepfer, Germany, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (2).

Stan Wawrinka (23), Switzerland, def. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, 6-4, 7-5, 2-1, ret.

**Women's Singles**
**Fourth Round**

Wang Qiang (18), China, def. Ashleigh Barty (2), Australia, 6-2, 6-4.

Johanna Konta (16), Britain, def. Karolina Pliskova (3), Czech Republic, 6-7 (1), 6-3, 7-5.

Serena Williams (8), United States, def. Petra Martic (22), Croatia, 6-3, 6-4.

Elina Svitolina (5), Ukraine, def. Madison Keys (10), United States, 7-5, 6-4.

# Hurts' 6 TDs lead No. 4 Sooners past Houston in opener

BY CLIFF BRUNT
*Associated Press*

NORMAN, Okla. — Even one of the best nights ever for an Oklahoma player wasn't good enough for Jalen Hurts.

The new Sooners quarterback passed for three touchdowns and ran for three more, and No. 4 Oklahoma rolled past Houston 49-31 on Sunday night.

It was Hurts' first game for the Sooners since he transferred from Alabama. He put on a show as his predecessor, 2018 Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray, watched. He posted 508 total yards, the fifth-most in school history.

Hurts was not impressed. And at a school that has produced back-to-back Heisman-winning quarterbacks in Baker Mayfield and Murray, nitpicking has become the norm at that position.

"We did some really good things out there tonight, but there are a lot of things we can improve on," he said. "We've got to take that next step."

Hurts started at Alabama for two years before losing the job to Tua Tagovailoa. He stayed as a backup at Alabama last season, then transferred to Oklahoma and won the starting job in preseason camp.

He looked at home in the opener — he completed 20 of 23 passes for 332, ran for 176 yards on 16 carries and helped the Sooners gain 686 total yards.

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley liked how Hurts handled the situation.

"He played good," Riley said. "There were things he could do better, but I thought he handled the moment good. You could tell out there that he'd been in it, certainly. I'm sure he had some nerves, but he did a good job managing them."

Houston coach Dana Holgorsen, who coached at West Virginia before making his Houston debut on Sunday night, said he sees no drop-off in Oklahoma's play.

"Four years ago, they were good," Holgorsen said. "A year later, they were the best offense in college football. A year later, with a new quarterback, they're the best offense in college football. A year later, with a new quarterback, they looked the same to me."

Charleston Rambo caught three passes for 105 yards and a touchdown and Trey Sermon ran for 91 yards for Oklahoma.

Oklahoma's defense was sharp too, constantly pressuring Houston quarterback D'Eriq King and limiting him to 87 yards passing in the first half. King, one of the nation's top quarterbacks last season, finished with just 167 yards passing. Though King rushed for 103 yards, Riley felt the Sooners kept him and the Cougars under control.

"I thought our defense flew around, was extremely active, extremely disruptive for the majority of the game," Riley said.

ALONZO ADAMS/AP

**Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts runs the ball against Houston during the first half of Sunday's 49-31 season-opening winin Norman, Okla., on Sunday.**

**Elite company:** Jalen Hurts' 128 yards rushing in the first half matched a school record for a quarterback in a first half. He tied Jamelle Holieway's performance in 1985 against Kansas. Hurts' full-game total was the second-best for an Oklahoma quarterback. Thomas Lott ran for 195 yards against Kansas State in 1976, when the Sooners were running the wishbone.

**Speed D:** Oklahoma linebacker Kenneth Murray took advantage of Oklahoma's new approach. The junior captain finished with 13 tackles, including 2.5 for loss.

Murray, the preseason Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, led the team with 155 tackles last season.

**No repeat:** Oklahoma had its College Football Playoff hopes derailed in 2016 when Houston defeated the Sooners 33-23 in the season opener. Oklahoma was never threatened in this game after the first quarter.

### The takeaway

**Houston:** The offensive and defensive lines struggled, and that decided the game. The Cougars couldn't keep the Sooners away from King early in the game. He had his moments, but he couldn't produce when Oklahoma established itself in the first half. Oklahoma's offense was only stopped when it self-destructed.

**Oklahoma:** The offense looked sharp with Hurts, and Riley showed he can still get results from a very different quarterback than he has used in the past. The defense was more aggressive and tackled better than in recent years in its first game under new coordinator Alex Grinch. The Sooners forced three-and-outs on Houston's first two possessions to set the tone.

# NFL

## Scoreboard

### Sunday's transactions

**ARIZONA CARDINALS —** Signed LB Cassius Marsh. Placed CB Robert Alford on IR. Claimed DL Jonathan Bullard off waivers from Chicago, OL Justin Murray off waivers from Oakland, CB Kevin Peterson off waivers from the Los Angeles Rams, OL Brett Toth off waivers from Philadelphia and S Charles Washington off waivers from Detroit. Released RB T.J. Logan and LBs Pete Robertson and Tanner Vallejo. Re-signed QB Drew Anderson, LB Dante Booker, CB Nate Brooks, TE Darrell Daniels, LB Vontarrius Dora, WR A.J. Richardson AND TE Caleb Wilson to practice squad.

**ATLANTA FALCONS —** Signed WR Christian Blake, S Chris Cooper, QB Danny Etling, OL Sean Harlow, DE Austin Larkin, DT Jacob Tuioti-Mariner and DT Justin Zimmer to the practice squad.

**BALTIMORE RAVENS —** Signed RB De'Lance Turner, CB Maurice Canady, WR Antoine Wesley, WR Sean Modster, OL Marcus Applefield, OL R.J. Prince, TE Charles Scarff, DE Zach Sieler, DE Aaron Adeoye and LB Donald Payne to the practice squad.

**BUFFALO BILLS —** Placed TE Jason Croom on IR. Re-signed S Kurt Coleman. Signed TE Nate Becker, DE Eddie Yarbrough, CB Cam Lewis, OL Erik Magnuson, WR Duke Williams, DT Kyle Peko and RB Christian Wade to the practice squad.

**CAROLINA PANTHERS —** Claimed off waivers WR Ray-Ray McCloud off waivers from Buffalo, WR Brandon Zylstra off waivers from Minnesota and DB Natrell Jamerson off waivers from Green Bay. Released WR Torrey Smith. Waived RB Elijah Holyfield and CB Kevon Seymour. Signed S Quin Blanding, G Rishard Cook, DE Bryan Cox, Jr., TE Temarrick Hemingway, DT Bijhon Jackson, DB Cole Luke, LB Sione Teuhema and WR DeAndrew White to the practice squad.

**CHICAGO BEARS —** Re-signed OL Cody Whitehair to a five-year contract extension through 2024. Signed OL Alex Bars, QB Tyler Bray, DB Stephen Denmark, LB Jonathan Harris, TE Jesper Horsted, WR Thomas Ives, DB Michael Joseph, OL Sam Mustipher, RB Ryan Nall and LB James Vaughters to the practice squad.

**CINCINNATI BENGALS —** Claimed RB Samaje Perine off waivers from Washington and WR Pharoh Cooper off waivers from Arizona. Released WR Josh Malone and LB Hardy Nickerson. Signed TE Moritz Boger, CB Anthony Chesley, LB Noah Dawkins, HB Jordan Ellis, TE Jordan Franks, S Trayvon Henderson, WR Stanley Morgan, TE Mason Schreck and G Keaton Sutherland to the practice squad.

**CLEVELAND BROWNS —** Claimed LB Malik Jefferson off waivers from Cincinnati, TE Ricky Seals-Jones off waivers from Arizona and WR KhaDarel Hodge off waivers from the Los Angeles Rams. Waived DT Trevon Coley and S Juston Burris. Placed OT Drew Forbes on IR. Signed DT Brandin Bryant, TE Stephen Carlson, WR Shelton Gibson, LB Willie Harvey, S J.T. Hassell, CB Robert Jackson, WR Derrick Willies and C Willie Wright to the practice squad. Signed DB Tigie Sankoh to the international practice squad.

**DALLAS COWBOYS —** Signed QB Clayton Thorson, RB Mike Weber, RB Jordan Chunn, WR Cedrick Wilson, TE Cole Hikutini, OT Mitch Hyatt, DL Daniel Wise, LB Chris Covington, CB Mike Jackson and CB Donovan Olumba to the practice squad.

**DENVER BRONCOS —** Claimed QB Brandon Allen off waivers from the Los Angeles Rams, TE Andrew Beck off waivers from New England, C Corey Levin off waivers from Tennessee and WR-KR Diontae Spencer off waivers from Pittsburgh. Waived WR River Cracraft, LB Josh Watson and OL Jake Rodgers. Signed CB Alijah Holder, QB Brett Rypien, DL Deyon Sizer, LB Ahmad Gooden, OL Quinn Bailey, WR Fred Brown and OL Tyler Jones to the practice squad.

**DETROIT LIONS —** Claimed RB J.D. McKissic off waivers from Seattle. Released TE Logan Thomas. Signed DT John Atkins, WR Jonathan Duhart, WR Tom Kennedy, LB Steve Longa, TE Isaac Nauta, T Matt Nelson, LB Anthony Pittman, RB Mark Thompson, TE Austin Traylor and DE Jonathan Wynn to the practice squad.

**GREEN BAY PACKERS —** Signed TE Evan Baylis, RB Tra Carson, CB Kabion Ento, WR Allen Lazard, DL James Looney, OT Yosh Nijman, LB Randy Ramsey, LB Brady Sheldon, WR Malik Taylor and QB Manny Wilkins to the practice squad.

**HOUSTON TEXANS —** Signed OT Rick Leonard, WR Steven Mitchell, Jr., WR Vyncint Smith, QB Alex McGough, S Austin Exford, RB Karan Higdon, Jr., ILB Tyrell Adams, DT Albert Huggins, Jr. and Chris JOhnson to the practice squad.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS —** Claimed CB Ryan Lewis off waivers from Buffalo. Waived CB Chris Milton. Signed OT tackle Jackson Barton, CB Jalen Collins, WR Ashton Dulin, G Jake Eldrenkamp, LB Skai Moore and QB Phillip Walker to the practice squad.

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS —** Signed OL Ka'John Armstrong, CB Tae Hayes, RB Elijah Hood, TE Chris Jones, WR Michael Walker and CB Brandon Watson to the practice squad. Placed WR Alfred Blue on IR. Released DT Eli Ankou, TE Ben Koyack and LS Matt Overton. Claimed RB Tyler Ervin and LS Matt Orzech off waivers from Baltimore, RB Devine Ozigbo off waivers from New Orleans and TE Seth DeValve off waivers from Cleveland.

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS —** Released LB Jeremiah Attaochu. Signed G Jeff Allen. Placed QB Chad Henne on IR. Signed WR Jody Fortson, TE Nick Keizer, RB Marcus Marshall, C James Murray, QB Kyle Shurmur and WR Cody Thompson to the practice squad.

**LOS ANGLES CHARGERS —** Signed G Chris Brown, G Spencer Drango, CB Kemon Hall, DE Anthony Lanier, WR Jason Moore, RB Detrez Newsome, WR Andre Patton, WR Artavis Scott and TE Matt Sokol to the practice squad.

**LOS ANGELES RAMS —** Signed LB Dakota Allen, TE Kendall Blanton, OT Chandler Brewer, DT Marquise Copeland, DB Donte Deayon, DE Landis Durham, S Jake Gervase, RB John Kelly, G Jeremiah Kolone and QB John Wolford to the practice squad.

**MIAMI DOLPHINS —** Acquired LB Vince Biegel from New Orleans for LB Kiko Alonso. Acquired a 2020 and 2021 first-round draft pick, a 2021 second-round draft pick, CB Johnson Bademosi and OT Julien Davenport from Houston for OT Laremy Tunsil, WR Kenny Stills, a 2020 fourth-round draft pick and a 2021 sixth-round draft pick. Claimed LB Trent Harris and CB Ken Webster off waivers from New England, LB Deon Lacey off waivers from Buffalo, DE Avery Moss off waivers from the New York Giants and S Steven Parker off waivers from the Los Angeles Rams. Waived LB Terrill Hanks, S Montre Hartage, TE Chris Myarick, OT Zach Sterup and DT Adolphus Washington.

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS —** Signed P Britton Colquitt. Signed RB Khari Blasingame, QB Jake Browning, OT Aviante Collins, DE Stacy Keely, DB Nate Meadors, WR Dillon Mitchell, LB Cameron Smith , K Chase McLaughlin and LB Devante Downs to the practice squad. Waived P Matt Wile.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS —** Traded DB Keion Crossen to Houston for undisclosed compensation. Signed TE Stephen Anderson, LB Terez Hall, FB Jakob Johnson, DL Ufomba Kamalu, LB Calvin Munson, OL Dan Skipper, DL Tyree St. Louis and DL Nick Thurman to the practice squad.

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS —** Agreed to terms with TE Dan Arnold, WR Emmanuel Butler, CB T.J. Green, WR Lil'Jordan Humphrey, OL Derrick Kelly II, OL John Leglue, DL Mitchell Loewen, TE Alize' Mack, WR Taquan Mizzell and DB Terrell Williams Jr. on practice squad contracts. Reached injury settlements with OT Marshall Newhouse and CB-KR Marcus Sherels.

**NEW YORK GIANTS —** Claimed WR Cody Core off waivers from Cincinnati and OT Eric Smith and TE Eric Tomlinson off waivers from the New York Jets. Waived WR Alonzo Russell and OT Brian Mihalik. Placed CB Sam Beal on IR. Signed DT Chris Slayton, OL Evan Brown, RB Jon Hilliman, WR Reggie White Jr., TE C.J. Conrad, DL Freedom Akinmoladun, LB Jake Carlock and LB Josiah Tauaefa to the practice squad.

**NEW YORK JETS —** Claimed K Kaare Vedvik off waivers from Minnesota, WR Braxton Berrios off waivers from New England, DE John Franklin-Myers off waivers from the Los Angeles Rams and DB Bennett Jackson off waivers from Baltimore. Waived K Taylor Bertolet, WR Greg Dortch and S Doug Middleton. Released LB Albert McClellan. Signed S Matthias Farley. Waived S Santos Ramirez. Signed OT Calvin Anderson, QB Luke Falk, LB Jamey Mosley, OL Ben Braden, CB Byron Brown and WR Jeff Smith to the practice squad. Signed RB Valentine Holmes to the international practice squad.

**OAKLAND RAIDERS —** Claimed QB DeShone Kizer off waivers from Green Bay. Released DE Josh Mauro. Signed WR Marcell Ateman, WR Saeed Bkacknall, TE Paul Butler, LB Jason Cabinda, S Dallin Leavitt, DT Gabe Wright and QB Ryan Yurachek to the practice squad.

**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES —** Agreed to terms with TE Alex Ellis, WR Marcus Green, DT Bruce Hector, QB Kyle Lauletta, G Sua Opeta, TE Joshua Perkins, RB Kerrion Scott, LB Alec Singleton and WR Greg Ward on practice squad contracts.

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS —** Signed RB Trey Edmunds, WR Tevin Jones, TE Kevin Rader, OL Patrick Morris, OL Derwin Grey, DB Marcus Allen, DB Trevon Mathis, LB Robert Spillane, and DL Henry Mondeaux to the practice squad. Signed TE Christian Scotland-Williamson to the international practice squad.

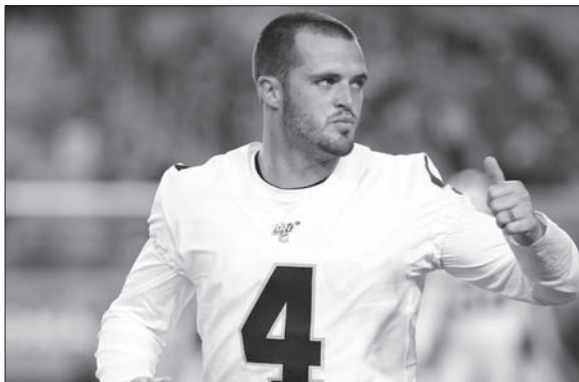
**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS —** Signed DB Antone Exum Jr. to a one-year contract. Placed DL Kentavius Street on IR. Signed LB Demetrius Flannigan-Fowles, DL Kevin Givens, S Marcell Harris, TE Daniel Helm, WR Malik Henry, LB Elijah Lee, G Ross Reynolds, DL Jeremiah Valoaga and RB Jeff Wilson Jr. to the practic squad.

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS —** Acquired LB Jadeveon Clowney from Houston for DE-LB Jacob Martin, DE Barkevious Mingo and a 2020 third-round draft pick. Re-signed QB Geno Smith. Signed WR Jazz Ferguson, WR Terry Wright, TE Jacob Hollister, CB Simeon Thomas, G Jordan Roos and OT Elijah Nkansah to the practice squad.

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS —** Signed RB Bruce Anderson III, S John Battle, DL Terry Beckner Jr., QB Nick Fitzgerald, WR Emanuel Hall, C Nate Trewyn and CB Mazzi Wilkins to the practic squad.

**TENNESSEE TITAELS —** Signed QB Logan Woodside, LB Derick Roberson, DL Amani Bledsoe, LB Ukeme Eligwe, G Aaron Stinnie, TE Parker Hesse, WR Cody Hollister, WR Papi White and CB Kareem Orr to the practice squad.

**WASHINGTON REDSKINS —** Signed CB Adonis Alexander, DE Ryan Bee, WR Jehu Chesson, TE J.P. Holtz, OT Timon Parris, S Jeremy Reaves, RB Craig Reynolds, WR Cam Sims and LB Darrell Williams to the practice squad. Claimed RB Wendell Smallwood off waivers from the Los Angeles Chargers. Waived RB Byron Marshall. Placed LB Jordan Brailford and RB Shaun Wilson on IR.



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**After a promising start to his career that featured a 12-win season and MVP talk in 2016 when Oakland ended 13-year playoff drought, Raiders quarterback Derek Carr, pictured, has seen his performance lag the past two seasons. Another disappointing year could spell the end of Carr's time with the Raiders.**

# Questionable quarterbacks

## Carr, Winston, Mariota among would-be franchise passers in prove-it years

By Josh Dubow
*Associated Press*

ALAMEDA, Calif. — While outsiders keep speculating when the Oakland Raiders will cut ties with Derek Carr and search for a new franchise quarterback, Carr tunes out all the outside noise.

He ignored all the pre-draft talk whether the Raiders would select his replacement and has paid so little attention to the talk about his long-term security that he has already bought a house in Las Vegas — where his new neighbor when the Raiders arrive in Sin City next year will be coach Jon Gruden.

"We are next-door neighbors," Carr said. "We will be, yes, but that's for the future. That'll be fun."

Carr might be the only person so confident in his job status with the Raiders. After a promising start to his career that featured a 12-win season and MVP talk in 2016 when Oakland ended 13-year playoff drought, Carr's performance has lagged the past two years, thanks in part to switching play callers and diminished talent around him.

If he can't succeed this season after the Raiders added the NFL's most prolific receiver in Antonio Brown, a dangerous deep threat in Tyrell Williams, first-round running back Josh Jacobs and elite pass-blocking tackle Trent Brown, Carr might need to look for a real-estate agent. And for a new job as the Raiders can get out of his five-year, $125 million contract three years early with almost no penalty.

"Let's just get through this year first and then we'll play that game again," he said. "I'll probably have some more fun with it, but I'm not going anywhere. This is my team and it will be for the next however long I want to play."

Carr is one of several QBs in a prove-it season, along with 2015 top two picks Jameis Winston and Marcus Mariota,who are playing out their fifth-year options in Tampa Bay and Tennessee without long-term deals; Cincinnati's Andy Dalton; and Jimmy Garoppolo in San Francisco.

**Winston**

Most of those teams can get out of commitments to players they once had hoped would be franchise quarterbacks without major salary cap implications. Winston and Mariota are set to be unrestricted free agents if they don't get new deals or franchise tags. Dalton will enter the final year of a $96 million, six-year contract in 2020 with no dead money on his deal. The 49ers can get out of Garoppolo's with a cap charge of just $4.5 million.

Garoppolo was viewed as the savior in San Francisco after winning his first five starts to end the 2017 season following a mid-season trade from New England. That led to a $137.5 million, five-year contract in the offseason, but things soured from there. Garoppolo struggled in the first three games last season and then went down with a season-ending knee injury.

The questions about Winston, Mariota and Dalton have taken longer to form. Winston and Mariota came into the league as the top two picks in 2015 but haven't lived up to that billing.

Winston has thrown for a franchise-record 88 touchdowns in four seasons, but also has 58 interceptions in 56 career games. He hasn't shown the consistency needed to thrive in the NFL. Last season, he was suspended for the first three games for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy, then benched briefly for ineffectiveness after throwing eight interceptions in his first three starts.

Mariota also has had a difficult time, missing at least one game a season and going through three head coaches and five play callers in his brief career. He is coming off a season when he threw for a career-worst 11 touchdowns with eight interceptions.

"Other people's opinions don't matter to me," Mariota said. "I just got to be the best I can be for this team."

Many thought the Bengals would move on from Dalton after a third straight year without making the playoffs. Cincinnati made the postseason in each of Dalton's first five seasons but lost in the wild-card round each time — including in 2015 when Dalton was hurt — and now have taken a step back.

Dalton gets the chance to work with an offensive mind in head coach Zac Taylor.

"Andy is a very fine quarterback," owner Mike Brown said. "He got hurt last year. ... If we put the right people around him, he's proven he can make this thing go well. I think that's where we are, and I think he'll do well and we'll do well."

## NFC South preview

# Saints eye Super Bowl; rivals out to end reign

By Charles Odum
*Associated Press*

The NFC South's reputation as the NFL's most balanced division has taken a hit.

The New Orleans Saints' two-year run as division champion, including a dominant showing in 2018, has left other teams eager to prove there is still competition in the South.

The NFC South's depth was impressive in 2017, when the Saints, Falcons and Panthers made the playoffs. Last year was different. Led by quarterback Drew Brees and running back Alvin Kamara, the Saints were the division's only team to finish with a winning record.

Instead of three teams making the playoffs, three teams were left out.

So much for parity.

"No, it didn't look like that in the final standings," said Falcons coach Dan Quinn. "I'm hopeful that is an outlier."

There is reason to expect restored balance in 2019. Proven playmakers at each of the four camps include Carolina quarterback Cam Newton, who will be handing off to Christian McCaffrey, one of the league's most dynamic backs.

"We want the division back," Newton said, referring to the Panthers' three straight NFC South titles in 2013-15.

Here are some more NFC South developments to watch for in 2019:

### Marching for three straight

A third straight division title would represent merely the start of what the Saints hope to accomplish.

New Orleans likely would have been in the Super Bowl a season ago if not for what the NFL acknowledged were missed pass interference and helmet-to-helmet contact penalties committed by the Los Angeles Rams late in the NFC title game.

Defensive end Cameron Jordan said the playoff loss is motivation "to not only push yourself through the offseason, come in in the best shape of your life, push guys beside you and push guys behind you. ... It makes you better and stronger as a team."

Brees, 40, is coming off one of his most efficient seasons. Receiver Michael Thomas and Kamara return as his top targets. During camp, Brees also has quickly developed a connection with new tight end Jared Cook, acquired in free agency after a career year with Oakland.

The Saints' defense is led by Jordan on the edge, linebacker Demario Davis in the middle, and top cornerback Marshon Lattimore. Following Pro Bowler center Max Unger's retirement, the Saints' top draft pick, Texas A&M's Erik McCoy, is on track to start the season opener.

### Falcons healing

Quinn has been cautious with key starters who are recovering from injuries. Safeties Keanu Neal and Ricardo Allen, linebacker Deion Jones and running back Devonta Freeman were among players on Atlanta's injured reserve list in 2018. All appear to be ready for the regular season.

Meanwhile, wide receiver Julio Jones has missed all preseason games for the second straight year as he recovers from a foot injury. Jones led the NFL with 1,677 yards receiving in 2018.

It's a crucial season for Quinn. He also lost both starting offensive guards to season-ending injuries last season. The long injury list led to a 7-9 finish and Quinn fired all three coordinators. He has taken over the defense while bringing back two former Atlanta assistants, Dirk Koetter and Mike Mularkey, as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach, respectively.

Gerald Herbert/AP

**Quarterback Drew Brees led New Orleans to a second straight division championship, including a dominant showing in 2018 that has left other teams eager to prove there is still parity in the South.**

### Counting on Cam

The Panthers will go as Cam Newton goes in 2019.

Newton was plagued by shoulder issues last season and struggled throwing the ball more than 20 yards downfield in the second half of the season as Carolina lost seven of its final eight games after a 6-2 start.

Newton's arm strength appears to have returned following offseason surgery. He has more weapons to work with on offense, so he no longer needs to be Superman. Curtis Samuel could emerge as Carolina's No. 1 receiver. Tight end Greg Olsen is back after broken bones in his foot kept him out of 16 games the last two seasons.

Defensively, the Panthers have switched to a 3-4 alignment, adding Gerald McCoy up front. The team selected outside linebacker Brian Burns in the first round in hopes of bolstering the pass rush following the retirement of Julius Peppers and the decision to let outside linebacker Thomas Davis walk in free agency.

### Looking for a winner

Tampa Bay brought coach Bruce Arians out of retirement to end the Buccaneers' 11-year streak without a playoff appearance.

The Buccaneers have finished last in the division eight of the last 10 years. If Arians, 66, can help quarterback Jameis Winston put up consistent production while cutting down on mistakes, Tampa Bay has a chance to move up in the division.

Arians, the former Arizona coach, said one reason he was lured out of his one-year retirement was the chance to work with Winston. Arians has a long record of success with quarterbacks. Winston, who has 58 interceptions in 56 career games and served a three-game suspension in 2018 for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy, could be the coach's biggest challenge.

Winston's top targets include receivers Mike Evans and Chris Godwin. Arians runs a two-tight end set, which should lead to more high-percentage passes to Cameron Brate and O.J. Howard.

**Predicted order of finish:** Saints, Falcons, Panthers, Buccaneers.

## Team capsules

### New Orleans Saints

**New faces:** TE Jared Cook, C Erik McCoy, DT Malcolm Brown, RB Latavius Murray, OL Nick Easton, DBs CJ Gardner-Johnson and Saquan Hampton, DE Mario Edwards Jr., RS Marcus Sherels.

**Key losses:** RB Mark Ingram, C Max Unger, DT Tyeler Davison, DE Alex Okafor, TE Ben Watson.

**Strengths:** QB Drew Brees has been highly efficient at executing coach Sean Payton's offense for decade-plus. Although Brees is 40, he has yet to show considerable decline. WR Michael Thomas is elite, should be even tougher to cover with addition of receiving TE Cook. RB Alvin Kamara has been problematic for defenses because of versatility as runner and receiver. DE Cam Jordan, LB Demario Davis and CB Marshon Lattimore give Saints talent and leadership at each level of defense. Kicking game excelling with veteran P Thomas Morstead and strong-legged PK Wil Lutz.

**Weaknesses:** Lots of youth, inexperience at receiver corps leaves depth uncertain if Thomas or veteran Ted Ginn Jr. go down. Cook is only established receiving TE. DBs including Lattimore struggled with consistency last season. Some uncertainty around pass rush with more reliance on second-year DE Marcus Davenport and with DT Sheldon Rankins recovering from Achilles tendon injury.

**Expectations:** Saints have won NFC South two years running and held leads in final 30 seconds of each of past two playoff losses. Two seasons ago, Stefon Diggs scored 61-yard TD — "Minneapolis Miracle" — as time ran out. Last season was "NOLA no-call," in which officials missed helmet-to-helmet hit and pass interference penalties against Rams, helping Los Angeles rally to tie NFC title game with 15 seconds left in regulation and win in OT. Most prominent players are back from those two seasons and hungry as ever.

### Atlanta Falcons

**New faces:** OG James Carpenter, OG Jamon Brown, DE Adrian Clayborn, SS J.J. Wilcox, S Chris Cooper, S Afolabi Laguda, DE Chris Odom, DT Tyeler Davison, OT John Wetzel, RB Tony Brooks-James, offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter, tight ends coach Mike Mularkey.

**Key losses:** RB Tevin Coleman, CB Robert Alford, OT Ryan Schraeder, PK Matt Bryant, DE Brooks Reed, OG Brandon Fusco, OG Andy Levitre, DE Derrick Shelby, offensive coordinator Steve Sarkasian, defensive coordinator Marquand Manuel, special teams coordinator Keith Armstrong.

**Strengths:** QB Matt Ryan posted numbers last season which almost matched 2016 MVP production. He has strong trio with WRs Julio Jones, Mohamed Sanu and Calvin Ridley, and TE Austin Hooper had breakout in 2018. RB Devonta Freeman's return from groin injury is crucial. Freeman has had full clearance since OTAs.

**Weaknesses:** In desperate search to better protect Ryan and clear running room for Freeman, Atlanta drafted two offensive linemen — guard Chris Lindstrom and tackle Kaleb McGary — in first round after signing guards Carpenter and Brown. McGary needed heart procedure during training camp while Carpenter missed time with hip flexor injury, so unit still coming together. After Coleman signed with 49ers, Falcons still looking for backup running back.

**Expectations:** After firing all three coordinators, Quinn is under pressure to take Falcons back to playoffs. Team owner Arthur Blank has spent big to retain Ryan, DT Grady Jarrett, Freeman and Jones, among others. 2016 Super Bowl season and return to playoffs following season made 2018 especially disappointing. Ryan is 34 and still performing at peak.

### Carolina Panthers

**New faces:** DT Gerald McCoy, C Matt Paradis, DE Bruce Irvin, OLB Brian Burns, OT Greg Little, QB Will Grier, WR Chris Hogan.

**Key losses:** DE Julius Peppers, C Ryan Kalil, LBs Thomas Davis and Ben Jacobs, WR Devin Funchess, CB Captain Munnerlyn, S Mike Adams, OL Amini Silatolu, OTs Chris Clark and Matt Kalil.

**Strengths:** QB Cam Newton returns from offseason shoulder injury and TE Greg Olsen is back from broken foot. RB Christian McCaffrey was third in yards from scrimmage in breakout second season and will get more touches in 2019. Offensive line depth is improved. Carolina's switch to 3-4 defense and addition of McCoy and Burns, first-round pick from Florida State, bolsters solid and experienced front seven loaded with former Pro Bowlers. Panthers were 27th in NFL in sacks last season. Move allows Kawann Short to slide to defensive end. Defensive leader and six-time Pro Bowler Luke Kuechly remains one of game's top linebackers. Coach Ron Rivera now in ninth season.

**Weaknesses:** Panthers lost experience with departures of Kalil, Davis, Peppers and Munnerlyn. Secondary remains unknown quantity with questions at safety and nickel back. Tre Boston signed in training camp, providing added experience at safety, but he tends to gamble too much. Nickel position remains up for grabs. Carolina hoping LT Daryl Williams can provide protection for Newton's blind side.

**Expectations:** Panthers have talent to win NFC South, but much is riding on how Newton's shoulder holds up. 2015 league MVP has been throwing 50-yard passes, but shoulder weakened as season progressed in 2018. There's big drop-off from Newton to backups QBs Kyle Allen and rookie Will Grier, who've started one NFL game between them.

### Tampa Bay Buccaneers

**New faces:** Coach Bruce Arians, defensive coordinator Todd Bowles, LB Devin White, DL Ndamukong Suh, LB/S Deone Bucannon, LB Shaquil Barrett, P Bradley Pinion, WR Breshad Perriman, CB Sean Murphy-Bunting, CB Jamel Dean, S Mike Edwards, RB Andre Ellington, OL Earl Watford, K Matt Gay, S Darian Stewart.

**Key losses:** Coach Dirk Koetter, DT Gerald McCoy, LB Kwan Alexander, WR DeSean Jackson, WR Adam Humphries, QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, DE Vinny Curry, CB Brent Grimes, RB Jacquizz Rodgers, P Bryan Anger.

**Strengths:** Jameis Winston is entering fifth — and final — season of contract he signed as No. 1 overall pick in 2015 draft. He's still trying to prove he's club's long-term answer at quarterback. GM Jason Licht has assembled some impressive players around him to give him chance to succeed, including WRs Mike Evans and Chris Godwin and TEs O.J. Howard and Cameron Brate. Moving ball hasn't been problem; Winston's propensity for turning it over has. Bucs led league in passing offense in 2018, but they were 12th in scoring and missed playoffs for 11th consecutive season.

**Weaknesses:** Anemic pass rush and porous secondary have undermined Bucs for years. Former New York Jets coach Bowles brought in as defensive coordinator and installed attacking 3-4 scheme Arians hopes will make difference. LBs Barrett and Bucannon were signed in free agency, rookie ILB White is stepping in right away after being drafted fifth overall.

**Expectations:** Arians was lured out of retirement to end what's currently second-longest postseason drought in NFL. Tampa Bay hasn't made playoffs since 2007. Hope is Arians' proven track record as QB guru will help Winston realize potential while also lifting team out of NFC South cellar.

— Capsules by The Associated Press

## NFC West preview

# Rams take their turn atop roller-coaster

By Josh Dubow
*Associated Press*

While the pecking order in some divisions appears set in stone year after year, the NFC West has been a more egalitarian foursome with each of the four franchises spending time on top in recent years.

Lately, it's been the Los Angeles Rams' turn.

Coach Sean McVay led the Rams to the Super Bowl in his second season in 2018, making the division the only one of the eight in the NFL where all four teams have made it to the title game in the past 11 seasons.

With Jared Goff and Todd Gurley back headlining a dynamic offense and Aaron Donald anchoring an upgraded defense, the Rams head into the 2019 season once again as the favorites.

But to succeed this season they will need to buck the trend of disappointing Super Bowl losers. While the New England Patriots bounced back from a Super Bowl loss in the 2017 season to beat the Rams 13-3 for the championship last season, that was a rare exception. They were just the third team to win it all a season after losing the Super Bowl, and the first team to even make it back to the title game since Buffalo had four straight trips following the 1990-93 seasons.

While McVay has heard all about the Super Bowl hangover, he isn't dwelling on it heading into this season.

"I think what you talk about is you're so fortunate to do some of the things we did last year, even though it didn't end the way we wanted to," McVay said. "I know that our coaching staff, our players, couldn't be more excited about getting back, getting going. I think you earn that confidence you have every single day. I'm not sure what that feels like, but I feel like we've got a confident team that's excited about trying to peak when we play the Carolina Panthers Week 1."

Jae C. Hong/AP

**The Rams enter the season as favorites again with quarterback Jared Goff, right, and running back Todd Gurley, left, leading a dynamic offense and Aaron Donald anchoring the defense.**

Here are some things to know about the NFC West:

### Defensive reinforcements

The Rams didn't rest on their laurels, making two key additions to their defense by signing veteran safety Eric Weddle and pass rusher Clay Matthews. Weddle is one of the smartest players in the league and quickly emerged as a leader on the defense despite being in his first season with the team. Getting better on defense could help the Rams, especially if Gurley is still dealing with knee issues that limited his playing time late in the regular season and in the playoffs, and the offensive line takes a step back following the offseason departures of guard Rodger Saffold and center John Sullivan.

### Seattle stalwarts

The one constant in the topsy-turvy NFC West has been coach Pete Carroll's Seahawks. While the rest of the teams in the division have taken turns as contenders and also-rans, the Seahawks have made the playoffs seven times in nine seasons under Carroll and finished below second in the division just once, back in 2011. The main constant since then has been dynamic quarterback Russell Wilson and a dominant defense.

While the old "Legion of Boom" has mostly moved on, do-everything linebacker Bobby Wagner remains as the leader of the unit and was rewarded with a three-year, $54 million extension this summer. Wilson signed a $140 million extension earlier in the offseason as the Seahawks remained committed to their best players on both sides of the ball. Wilson will have to make do without star receiver Doug Baldwin, who retired because of bad health. But in a pass-happy era, the Seahawks were the only team to run on more than half their offensive plays.

### Comeback kids

The optimism from the second year under coach Kyle Shanahan in San Francisco didn't last through September for the 49ers last season. Running back Jerick McKinnon tore his ACL a week before the season opener and quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo did the same in the third game. Any chance of contending slipped away that quickly.

Garoppolo is fully healed and ready to show he's worthy of the $137.5 million contract he has despite making only 10 starts in five seasons. McKinnon's out again, but the Niners have other viable options at running back in newcomer Tevin Coleman and Matt Breida. Success in San Francisco will depend on Garoppolo's ability to be a franchise quarterback and needed improvements on a defense that set NFL records for futility with only seven takeaways and two interceptions. No. 2 overall pick Nick Bosa and big-ticket acquisition Dee Ford give the Niners a dangerous pair of edge rushers.

### Air raid

After watching McVay lead a turnaround in Los Angeles, the Cardinals searched for their own version and they hired Kliff Kingsbury. He replaces the defense-minded Steve Wilks, who was fired after going 3-13 in his only season in the desert. Kingsbury comes with many question marks after being fired following three straight losing seasons at Texas Tech. But he also brings his version of the fast-paced, wide-open "Air Raid" offense. He has an intriguing player to run it after Arizona drafted undersized Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Kyler Murray first overall. While the Cardinals may not be contenders thanks to suspect defense and a porous offensive line, they could be one of the more intriguing teams with a new offensive system.

"I don't see why everybody thinks it can't be successful," Murray said. "It worked at the college level and I don't see why it can't work at the NFL level."

**Predicted order of finish:** Rams, Seahawks, 49ers, Cardinals.

## Team capsules

### Los Angeles Rams

**New faces:** S Eric Weddle, LB Clay Matthews, QB Blake Bortles, S Taylor Rapp, DT Greg Gaines.

**Key losses:** DT Ndamukong Suh, C John Sullivan, OG Rodger Saffold, S Lamarcus Joyner, LB Mark Barron, RB C.J. Anderson, QB Sean Mannion.

**Strengths:** Coach Sean McVay has been on cutting edge of offensive football during two successful seasons, and he's highly motivated to evolve after LA offense's Super Bowl belly flop. Almost every significant offensive component of last year's 527-point team returns, with Jared Goff throwing to elite receiver group while Todd Gurley leads run game. Left tackle Andrew Whitworth also returns to provide stability up front. Wade Phillips' defense still led by Aaron Donald. Rams have met almost every challenge thrown their way during McVay's tenure, and that resilience will be tested.

**Weaknesses:** Rams have lost several key players in past two offseasons without always replacing them impressively, and talent drain finally could catch up to them. LA hasn't made first-round draft pick since 2016. Secondary is skilled but aging, and linebacker talent appears modest. Rams are counting on untested second-year pros Joseph Noteboom and Brian Allen to replace departed starters Saffold and Sullivan from durable unit that played well for two years.

**Expectations:** Poor Super Bowl performance and static offseason have pushed Rams slightly down most lists of title contenders, even though they've won 26 games in past two seasons. That's fine with Donald, Gurley, Goff and Rams' other low-profile stars who don't seek spotlight. Goff and McVay face greatest tests this season after quarterback's muted play down stretch and head coach's struggles against Bill Belichick's defense.

### Seattle Seahawks

**New faces:** G Mike Iupati, DE Ezekiel Ansah, DE L.J. Collier, WR DK Metcalf, DE Cassius Marsh, LB Cody Barton, K Jason Myers, S Marquise Blair.

**Key losses:** S Earl Thomas, WR Doug Baldwin, DE Frank Clark, G J.R. Sweezy, CB Justin Coleman.

**Strengths:** Linebacker grouping of Bobby Wagner, K.J. Wright, Mychal Kendricks and rookie Cody Barton could be among best in NFL. Running back depth is excellent with Chris Carson and Rashaad Penny. Offensive line is solid with four starters returning from last season and addition of Iupati. If offensive line plays up to potential, Russell Wilson could have big season throwing without being under duress.

**Weaknesses:** Trade of Clark leaves pass rush major concern. Suspension of Jarran Reed for six games amplified pass rush worries. Healthy, disruptive Ansah huge key to season. Must find replacement go-to pass catcher making up for loss of retired Baldwin, whether it's Jaron Brown, David Moore or rookie DK Metcalf. Secondary was exposed last season, meaning CBs Shaquill Griffin and Tre Flowers must improve. Loss of primary nickel CB Coleman in free agency looms big.

**Expectations:** Unexpected playoff appearance last season raised hopes remodel of Seattle's roster was ahead of schedule. Signing Wilson and Wagner to long-term extensions were significant wins to keep Seattle's core together. Offense could be very good with RB combo of Carson and Penny behind experienced offensive line and Wilson at top of his game. Seattle has restocked depth and should be able to absorb some of natural injury attrition. Seattle isn't ready to contend with Rams, but development of pass rush and improvement in secondary should have Seahawks in playoff contention.

### San Francisco 49ers

**New faces:** DE Dee Ford, DE Nick Bosa, LB Kwon Alexander, RB Tevin Coleman, WR Deebo Samuel, WR Jalen Hurd, CB Jason Verrett.

**Key losses:** WR Pierre Garcon, P Bradley Pinion, DE Cassius Marsh, LB Malcolm Smith, G Joshua Garnett.

**Strengths:** Few teams invested more in defensive line than 49ers with Bosa, Solomon Thomas, DeForest Buckner, Arik Armstead all taken in first round in past five drafts. Ford also former first-round pick in Kansas City, providing San Francisco with many options at both edge and interior as long as they stay healthy. Buckner one of best inside rushers with career-high 12 sacks in 2018.

**Weaknesses:** Niners set record for futility with two INTs last season and did little to add to secondary alongside Richard Sherman. Ahkello Witherspoon struggled in second season. Also big questions at safety where Jimmie Ward is perpetually hurt and Jaquiski Tartt yet to emerge as impact player. Second-year player Tarvarius Moore moved back to free safety in offseason and showed speed to cover large areas of field and could work way into lineup.

**Expectations:** After 10 wins combined in first two seasons under Shanahan, pressure on 49ers to become contender. Healthy season from Garoppolo should provide boost to offense. Garoppolo made only 10 starts in career and needs to show he can get through entire season healthy. RB Jerick McKinnon out for second straight season. Niners could use more dependable play at receiver, where second-year player Dante Pettis and rookies Samuel and Hurd could be best options. Defense needs to improve on anemic performance of seven takeaways from 2018. Pass rush should be improved with Bosa and Ford.

### Arizona Cardinals

**New faces:** Head coach Kliff Kingsbury, QB Kyler Murray, LB Terrell Suggs, OL J.R. Sweezy, OL Marcus Gilbert, CB Tramaine Brock, LB Jordan Hicks, CB Robert Alford, CB Byron Murphy, WR Andy Isabella, TE Maxx Williams, LB Brooks Reed.

**Key losses:** S Antoine Bethea, S Deone Bucannon, LB Markus Golden, LB Benson Mayowa, QB Josh Rosen, OG Mike Iupati

**Strengths:** Offense is so untested, it's hard to make predictions, but Cardinals certainly have potential to be explosive with Murray, receivers Larry Fitzgerald and Christian Kirk and running back David Johnson. Patrick Peterson is suspended for first six games, but when cornerback returns he'll anchor secondary. In 3-4 defensive front, Terrell Suggs, Jordan Hicks and Chandler Jones will be counted on to have big seasons.

**Weaknesses:** Defense, specifically against run, could be problem. Secondary could also struggle through season's first half: Peterson's suspension hurts and Alford, other projected starting cornerback, suffered lower leg injury against Raiders and could miss extended time. Arizona's quick-tempo offense also means defense might be on field plenty.

**Expectations:** Cardinals certainly want to win more than three games, but modest improvement would be considered step forward in Kingsbury's first season. What might be even more important is eye-test: Can Kingsbury's up-tempo offensive style put pressure on NFL defenses? If Cardinals can establish their style, they could build roster that could push toward playoffs over next few years.

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Houston starting pitcher Justin Verlander celebrates after the final out of his no-hitter against the Blue Jays on Sunday in Toronto. Verlander struck out 14 in his third career no-hitter. The Astros won 2-0.

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